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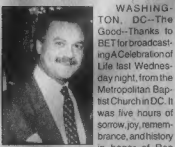
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AMERICA'S GOOD, BAD  
AND UGLY



**WASHINGTON, DC**—Thanks to BET for broadcasting a celebratory live last Wednesday night from the Metropolitan Baptist Church in DC, it was live hours of sorrow, joy, remembrance, and history in honor of Rob Brown.

Brown, Wonderful, moving speeches, glowing singing, a brilliant eulogy by Reverend Jesse Jackson to wrap it all up and a spirit in the church that bordered 1,500 of Rob's family and friends together. It was a night we will never forget.

The Ugly—Rob Green had done a fragrant—open mouth, spew, spew, howl. Newt Gingrich to DISNEY's tract Disney Corporate owns WABC, Bob Grant's talk show, radio station, but has so far refused to move against Green, who is a white supremacist. On the day Rob Brown was reportedly missing according to FBI and a "Black Newfield" where NY Post columnist, "before Rob Brown's body was found, and while there were reports of one survivor, a white supremacist, 'My hunch is that he [Brown] is the one survivor. I just have to know, what a day it is because, at heart, I'm a pessimist.' The caller begged and said, 'I know what you're getting at.' This ugliness is not Mickey Mouse stuff. It's serious. We can go on the Disney Corporation, WABC and Bob Grant to apologize to the FBI for failing to do the disgraceful comment—the latest in a long time.

DR. MANDELA NAMED  
FULBRIGHT FELLOW

**NEW YORK**—Dr. Makazwe Mandela, daughter of Nelson Mandela and a champion of human rights will begin a month-long UNCF-funded Fulbright Fellowship to the United States. Dr. Mandela was recently honored at a UNCF luncheon at Tavern on the Green, where she was guest speaker.

Dr. Mandela is visiting the United States as a Fulbright 50th Anniversary Distinguished Fellow. During her stay she will travel to UNCF colleges and universities, where she will meet with students and faculty, and participate in community-related programs. Her visit is sponsored by the United States Information Agency (USIA).

RICE BILL WOULD AD  
CONSUMERS WITH  
INSURANCE

**TRENTON**—Senator Ronald L. Rice has introduced legislation to ensure motorists throughout New Jersey have a chance to receive auto and home insurance.

The state of New Jersey should appear faced because of all the redlining going on when urban residents try to get auto or home coverage. The Senate bill, D-Ex-108, "Urban residents throughout New Jersey have a hard time obtaining affordable automobile insurance coverage as well as property insurance for their residential and commercial properties."

"Though companies may not discriminate intentionally against the poor, urban residents are often denied the same rates and makes difficult for people to get car loans and insurance. The Department of Insurance has no better of to guarantee that all New Jerseyans have access to insurance at a reasonable rate."

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## HUNDREDS NOMINATED FOR 100 MOST AWARD

Congressman Donald R. Payne, Whitney Houston and Governor Christine Todd Whitman among the honorees

**NEWARK**—More than 400 nominations have been received for The First Annual City News 100 Most Influential. Co-Sponsored by AT&T, with eighteen other sponsors, The First Annual City News 100 Most Influential, will be held Thursday evening, May 2 at the Newark Airport Marriott.

The gala event promises to be the networking event of the year. The VIP Networking Buffet, starts at 6 p.m. and will be attended by a host of dignitaries and celebrities. The Awards ceremony begins at 8 p.m.

"We have always made a point of trying to recognize the positive contributions of citizens in the urban centers of New Jersey. We are excited

about the response and impressive number of individuals who have made a difference," says, Jan Edgerton Johnson, vice president of City News Publishing Company and event coordinator. "New Jersey is fortunate to be the headquarters for some of the country's leading corporations which recognize the importance of New Jersey's urban centers. We are thankful for the corporate partners who have joined us to make

this dream a reality in our state," says Dr. Henry Johnson, President and

*We have always made a point of trying to recognize the positive contributions of citizens in the urban centers of New Jersey*

—Jan Johnson

Publisher. An executive committee representing corporate, public and private sector decision makers, submitted their

choices for this year's honorees. Individuals, organizations and corporations will be honored who have made significant contributions to furthering the progress of black people in New Jersey or who have made significant contributions to rebuild New Jersey's urban communities.

"Focusing on ten categories, we received over 400 hundred nominations. It is exciting to see that there are so many New Jersey folks quietly working to improve their communities. We intend to make this an annual event," says Ms. Johnson.

The nominee categories include: Education; Minority Business Enterprise; Entertainment & Sports; Health, Science & Government; Media, Arts

& Culture; Civil Rights. Tickets to the 100 Most Influential are \$100 and can be purchased by calling Karter City News 900-754-1000. Seating is limited so act quickly.

The City News 100 Most Influential is Co-sponsored by AT&T with additional sponsors including: Chase, First Union, United Healthcare Systems, General Public Utilities, Pepsi-Cola, PSEG, Bell Atlantic—New Jersey, Hushnet/Celacore/Johnson & Johnson, WBLS/WLII-Radio, Nabisco, United Jersey Bank, City National Bank, PNC/Midland, Cablevision of Newark, Anheuser Busch, CoreStates, and The Prudential.

## Minister Khalid Muhammad speaks on James 'Pee Wee' Davis case

by Ron L. Holland

**RED BANK**—Cops and color is just really mixed. That's what Nation of Islam Minister Khalid Abdul Muhammad questioned during a two and a half hour speech at a L. Shervette Avenue Elks Lodge.

Invited by the Nation of Islam Red Bank Study Group, the controversial Muslim leader, addressed the growing concern of police abuse. He dealt specifically with the 1989 death of borough resident James "Pee Wee" Davis, who family members said was a result of police brutality. "It's a criminal, brutal justice system," Muhammad said to nearly 100 people gathered in the ball room section of the lodge.

"The history of America is based on early stages of criminal activity that exists to this very day," he said citing a litany of cases including the recent video tape of white officers beating two alleged smugglers of Mexican descent. Muhammad said that "white cops see color over justice." He told Davis' mother, Miss Hazel Davis, that he would not let the issue of her son's death die.

The Davis family believe that police officers beat James after his arrest and discount the county medical examiners conclusion that his death



Khalid Abdul Muhammad with Hazel V. Davis, mother of James "Pee Wee" Davis.

was "drug associated." Family members pointed out several discrepancies that in their minds, leads to the conclusion of brutality. Davis was arrested for disorderly persons' conduct and taken to the Red Bank police station. According to police reports, Davis was supposedly sweating so profusely that officers stripped him naked and placed him in a holding cell. One officer claimed that Davis "reeked of alcohol."

The officers contend that Davis, because of the drugs in his system, began beating his head against the cell bars and struggling to breathe. Police called first aid and Davis was

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## Newark City Council passes ordinance to hire low-income residents

**NEWARK**—On Wednesday, March 14, the Newark City Council voted unanimously in favor of a proposed ordinance to require employment of properly trained low-income Newark residents on publicly-funded lead paint abatement contracts. The ordinance was adopted by the council on March 20.

"This vote is a big victory for both the children of Newark and low-income residents of Newark who want lead paint abatement," said Wayne Smith, spokesman for New Jersey City Action and Director of the Black Urban Alliance.

"Trained workers who have been waiting months and even years for employment are a big step closer to being part of work ridding homes of the lead paint hazards that are poisoning our children."

Developed by the Newark Lead Task Force, a coalition of community organizations convened by New Jersey Citizen Action, and Councilwoman Mildred Crump, the ordinance promotes employment of low-income Newark residents in two ways.

First, it requires that at least 50 percent of the city's lead paint abatement contracts be reserved for firms that agree to perform at least 50 percent of the job using workers who are low-income Newark residents. Second, any lead abatement firm receiving a city contract must fill all new positions under the contract from a central pool of properly trained low-income Newark workers.

"The City of Newark received about \$3 million in federal funds to lead paint abatement but related activities about three years ago, but has so far failed to start spending this money," said Myles O'Malley, Director of the White Lung Association of New Jersey, a non-profit hazardous material worker training agency.

"During that time my agency has extensively trained nearly 200 low-income Newark residents to lead paint abatement. These people are ready, willing and able to go to work."

"I'm one of the 200 or so Newark men and women who have been trained to do lead paint abatement but have not been able to get work," said Dennis Lee, one of the White Lung Association's trainees. "Having my state lead worker permit is like walking around with Canadian money in my pocket. It doesn't do me any good. Maybe now we'll get a fair share of lead abatement jobs."

The state health department says that Newark accounts for more than 40 percent of the state's reported lead poisoning cases even though fewer than 4 percent of the state's young children live there. "Newark has the biggest lead poisoning problem in the state," said Lisa Hendricks Richardson, Staff Attorney at Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic. "Exposure to lead paint hazards, often found in Newark's older housing, prevents our

## 'Works in progress' celebrated at Netherwood Train Station

**PLAINFIELD**—NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley A. DeLiberio recently joined Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury, the "Friends of Sleepy Hollow" (FOSH) citizen group and the Plainfield Business Development Corporation (PBDC) to showcase significant improvements at Netherwood Train Station on the Raritan Valley Line.

NJ Transit has reached a significant milestone at Netherwood Station by completing restoration work on the historic building. The statewide transportation agency is continuing other enhancements at the station that will benefit its passengers and the local community.

"This station is one of a unique historic treasures that NJ Transit inherited when it assumed commuter rail service in the state in 1983," said DeLiberio. "This particular restoration project demonstrates our commitment to work closely with municipalities on projects that will bring tremendous benefits to NJ Transit commuters and the communities we serve."

Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury noted that the work at Netherwood Station complements a Department of Transportation grant received last year by the city to develop the South Avenue Business Corridor, one of Plainfield's most vital areas. He commended the City Council, the Friends of Sleepy Hollow and the Plainfield Business Development Corporation for helping to bring the project to fruition.

Netherwood Station—which serves almost 200 daily riders—was constructed in 1934 by the Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ) and is one of 53 NJ Transit train stations listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The station and the community it serves are both named after Netherwood Mansion, which was built and owned by a former president of CNJ at that time.



Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury, (at podium) with "Friends of Sleepy Hollow" president Rick Brownlee (second from left) and Al McWilliams of the Plainfield Business Development Corporation during the recent dedication of the newly renovated Netherwood train station in Plainfield.

According to FOSH President Rick Brownlee, the members of the Friends of Sleepy Hollow are very pleased with the public and private cooperation that has gone into the four-year renovation project at Netherwood. "NJ Transit should be saluted for its initiative to restore historic structures and continued commitment to the people of Plainfield and surrounding communities served by this station."

At McWilliams, Immediate Past President of PBDC added, "This is a wonderful example of a public/private enterprise and demonstrates what can happen when government, businesses and citizens group pull together on projects in Plainfield. I hope that this effort will encourage other similar ventures in the city to be cultivated in the future."

NJ Transit—in a cooperative effort with the City of Plainfield, FOSH and PBDC—started work on the station restoration last September. The project involved the restoration or replacement of the copper and slate

shingle roof, brick walls, wood windows and doors, and the platform canopy; power washing the exterior of the station; and installation of a new drainage system in the basement of the building.

Other projects to be undertaken at Netherwood Station include North and South Avenue parking lot improvements, restriping, historic lighting and landscaping; installation of closed circuit television cameras to be monitored by NJ Transit and Plainfield police; street name improvements along South Avenue to be performed by the City; and restoration of the interior of the building in conjunction with the establishment of a new coffee and dessert cafe in the station—a first of NJ Transit's Adaptive Rec Program.

The final addition will be a mural for the station's pedestrian tunnel that will be designed and illustrated by students at the Masson Middle School.

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## The Black Press endorses 'Stand for Children' campaign

**WASHINGTON, DC**—The National Newspaper Publishers Association officially endorsed the "Stand for Children" campaign during Black Press Week recently held in Washington, DC. Representatives of the 56-year-old organization of black newspapers all over the country, voted to support the Children's Defense Fund and Black Community Crusade for Children's call to parents, grandparents, religious leaders, young people, women, professionals, civil rights activists, cultural and business and community leaders, and all who care about children and America's future to stand at the Lincoln Memorial on June 1st.

"As tough as times are and as hard as families are struggling for children, each and every one of us can do bet-

ter," said Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children. "Stand for Children Day will not be a partisan or political day. It will be a day of family and community renewal, celebration and commitment to children."

Children's differences and affirm what unites us as a people: a loving desire to raise moral, healthy, and educated children, a sense of fairness, and a belief that in the rich tradition of the Black power nation on earth, no child should be left behind."

NNPA plans more than 1300 national, state, local, and grassroots organizations endorsing "Stand for Children." According to NNPA president

Dorothy Leavell, "We charge every newspaper, radio station, community newsletter, and television station to carry the message that our children are hurting and we must stand for them."

The facts paint a bleak picture for black children. Every three hours a black child is murdered. Every 50 seconds a black child is arrested. Every four hours a child or teen is killed by gunfire. Every two minutes a black baby is born into poverty.

"If you are struggling to raise a child but know you could do better, come stand with us. If you are a young middle-income parent working hard to make ends meet despite declining wages, economic insecurity, come stand with us. If you are troubled by the pollution of our airwaves, air, food, water, earth, and our children's values, come stand with us. If you are worrying about whether there will be

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## PEOPLE

## Community Calendar

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

BLOOMFIELD—Dr. John Howard Jr., Superintendent of Schools for East Orange, will host a screening of "Eyes on the Prize: Fight Back 1957-1965" at the Robert Van Fossan Theater at Bloomfield College. For more info call 201-643-6877.

## APRIL 19 &amp; 19

BLOOMFIELD—"Race and Education: A Series of Video Screenings and Discussions" at 7 p.m. at Bloomfield College's Robert Van Fossan Theater. For more information 201-643-6877.

## APRIL 19, 20

NEW BRUNSWICK—Rutgers University presents their 5th Annual Cultural Diversity Conference "Making Home a Safe Place: Violence in the Family and Community From Theory and Rhetoric to Practice" to be held on the Douglas Campus, Labor Education Center. For more info call (908) 932-7156.

## APRIL 19 THRU MAY 31

SEA BRIGHT—On Fridays from 7-8 p.m. the Monmouth County Park Systems will host Western Ballroom Dancing classes at the Sea Bright Recreation Center. For more info call (908) 842-4000.

## APRIL 22 THRU MAY 15

ELIZABETH—A Citizenship Preparation course will be offered on Mondays at Union County College Elizabeth Campus. For info call 908-709-7600.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

UNION—The Union Lions Club is hosting a Wine and Cheese Fundraiser to benefit student scholarships and summer camps. For info call 908-687-1900.

## APRIL 23 THRU MAY 16

PLAINFIELD—A Citizenship Preparation course will be offered at Union County College Plainfield Campus. For info call 908-709-7600.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. will hold its 12th Annual Fund-raising auction at the Newark Club. Call 201-643-5272.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

PLAINFIELD—An Open House for a new Multi-Staff Care Assistant certificate

program will be conducted at Union County College School of Nursing at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

ATLANTIC CITY—Nubian & Latino Beauty Show at the new Atlantic City Convention Center.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27

WATCHUNG—Lisa Pressman will have a solo art exhibit at the Watchung Arts Center's Lower Gallery. For more info call (908) 753-0190.

## APRIL 30 THRU JUNE 16

ATLANTIC CITY—The Grand Casino Resort presents a priceless '50s memorabilia display and giveaway.

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

NEWARK—A lecture on Newark and the temperance movement during the 17th century to Prohibition by Stephanie Wood, a history teacher at Montclair State University. For info call 201-483-3939.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

TINTON FALLS—A Pastathon to benefit families and children living with HIV/AIDS at the Church of St. Anselm at 7 p.m. Call 908-774-3416.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

TINTON FALLS—A Bikkathon to benefit families and children living with HIV/AIDS at the Church of St. Anselm at 8:30 a.m. For more info call 908-774-3416.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

TINTON FALLS—An AIDS Walkathon to benefit families and children living with HIV/AIDS at the Church of St. Anselm starting at The Taylor Pavilion 1 p.m. For more info call 908-774-3416.

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Association of School Administrators is holding its annual spring conference at Bally's Park Place Casino. For info call 609-599-2900.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library presents "Modern Traditions: Japanese Art in the 20th Century." For info call 201-753-7745.

## New Jersey AKAs host North Atlantic conference

by Gayle Thigpen-Allen

SOMERSET—A wave of pink and green recently washed through Somerset when the North Atlantic members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. convened their 65th Regional Conference which was hosted by the graduate and undergraduate chapters of New Jersey. Cluster IV, this event proved to be a huge success.

There were dignitaries galore at the VIP Public Meeting that kicked off the three-day gathering of 1700 members. Chaired by Gayle Thigpen-Allen, who co-emceed with Connie Woodruff, Formal greetings were brought from Washington, DC by the Assistant U.S. Secretary of Labor Preston L. Taylor and NJ Secretary of State Donna Hooks, who is a sorority member.

Entertainment was provided by Beverly Vaughn, of Atlantic City, and the Plainfield High School Chorus. Regional Director Wilma Holmes-Tootie donated funds to assist the Plainfield Chorus on their Austrian trip.

Other than the hard work of business sessions and workshops, several other social gatherings highlighted the conference. The Step Show had victors from Washington, DC on the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Public Luncheon celebrated African-American Women and tributes were presented by conference chairperson H. Selma Nelson of PLX Omega



(c) Dawn Bacter, AKA undergraduate Basileus of Gamma Epsilon, with event emcee Gayle Thigpen-Allen (l) and her mother Thelma Boozar at the AKA's 65th North Atlantic Regional Conference.

Piterson, to Toni Fay, V.P. of Community Relations for Time Warner Lonna Hooks, N.J. Secretary of State, Janice Huff, Channel 4's meteorologist, Puff Lyle-Smith, president of Panache Productions and Dawn Bacter, Basileus of Gamma Epsilon Philadelphia City Chapter were the sorority members honored.

Awards were also presented to Gwendolyn H. Lewis for the field of health, Rev. Respie M. Warren for religion and Dr. Flossie McClain DeMond for education.

Keynote speaker, noted author

and sorority member Bebe Moore Campbell shared excerpts from her current book, *Brothers & Sisters*. Undergraduate activities were led by Lucie Thibaud and by Melody McGowan Parker also of Beta Alpha Omega.



Noted author Bebe Moore Campbell hosted a book signing at the conference. Photo by Gail Thigpen-Allen.

## Rev. Buster Soaries named 'Man of the Year'



PLAINFIELD—The Union County Club, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. has named the Rev. Buster Soaries minister of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, as the recipient of the club's Man of the Year Award. Rev. Soaries has been active in the community by serving on various committees, and motivating youth. Other honorees include: Ravensell Williams of Cranford; Gwendolyn Watts of Roselle; Cheryl Finley of Cranford; and Monica Hillman of Scotch Plains. The club's highest national award, the Sojourner Truth Award will be presented to Newark Evangelist, Ariana Prasley-Pleasant. Six students will receive scholarships at the awards luncheon, to be held April 20, Landmark Inn, Woodbridge. For more info call 908-654-3079.

## West appointed board member at Jersey Shore Medical Center



Robert E. West of Neptune has been named to the Jersey Shore Medical Center's Board of Governors. West is the executive director of the Neptune Township Housing Authority. He recently received the Ocean-Neptune Kiwanis Certificate of Appreciation and the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation.

## Newark student earns internship with Lawrence Township Municipal Court



LAWRENCEVILLE—Tony Jackson of Newark, NJ, a senior political science major at Rider University, currently has an internship with the Lawrence Township Municipal Court. Rider's political science internship program requires students to work under supervision in a public agency, political party, or public interest group. A minimum of 52 hours of field work per credit is required with regular reports and a concluding critique analyzing and evaluating the experience. Jackson is a 1992 graduate of Barringer High School in Newark.

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# NATION

## National News at a Glance

### CAPITOL HILL MEMBERS TRADE RACIAL JABS OVER FARRAKHAN

Charges of racism recently erupted among House members in response to a resolution condemning Louis Farrakhan's meetings with leaders of Libya, Iran and Iraq, threatening to tarnish Republicans' standing among blacks and divide Democrats. Supporters of the measure denounced Minister Farrakhan's trip as anti-American while Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Chairman Donald Payne (D-NJ) condemned the resolution as "race-baiting." Payne claimed that sponsors of the resolution were being biased in whom they choose to denounce. "We never even issued a statement on Wade Duke," Payne said. "This whole thing smells like the political scene with Willie Horton." The measure, sponsored by Peter King (R-NY) and Tom Lantos (D-CA), has increased racial tension just before the House considers the issue of repealing affirmative action in federal programs. Reps. J.C. Watts (R-Okl.) and Gary Franks (R-GT.), both African Americans from mostly white districts, were among the resolution's 53 co-sponsors. Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) warned against "Farrakhan bashing" and the press secretary for Ron Dellums (D-CA) charged King and Lantos with overstepping their bounds as congressmen.

### WATTS WANTS STATES TO CONTROL FEDERAL DOLLARS

Rep. J.C. Watts (Okl.), the nation's most popular Black Republican Congress member, wants to help inner city communities with an array of education vouchers, community renewal zones and tax credits for faith-based service providers. He has teamed up with Rep. James Talent (R-MO) to search for solutions to the nation's urban ills. "The Great Society programs started by President Johnson were well-intentioned, but have failed to help people in the inner city," Watts said. "Our legislation is designed to empower communities and individuals so people can solve their own problems." The legislation focuses on three broad themes: moral and family renewal, personal economic empowerment and fostering private charity. The programs include: The Personal Economic Empowerment Act of 1996; The Family and Moral Renewal Act of 1996 and The Faith Based Service Provider Empowerment Act of 1996.

### NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

Waiting to Exhale was a huge hit at the NAACP Image Awards taking home seven honors including outstanding film of 1995; best actress for Angela Bassett and outstanding supporting actress for Loretta Devine. The film's platinum album won for soundtrack album and Whitney Houston was named best female recording artist for her performance of a song from the movie. Denzel Washington won outstanding actor for *Crimson Tide*, and Laurence Fishburne best supporting actor for *Higher Learning*.

### POLICE GAIN IN WEAPONRY, NOT DIVERSITY

Today's police officers are better educated, armed with more sophisticated weapons and more likely to be wearing body armor, a Justice Department report says. But they are only slightly more likely to be black, Hispanic or female than they were a few years ago. In 1993, blacks accounted for 11.3 percent of the 373,550 full-time sworn officers in city and county law-enforcement agencies, compared with 10.5 percent in 1990 and 9.3 percent in 1987. In 1993, Hispanic accounted for 6.2 percent and women 8.8 percent of officers.

### A NEED FOR BLACK ORGAN DONORS

The Florida Sentinel-Bulletin reports that the black community is

## LeBaron Taylor elected chairman of Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

WASHINGTON, DC—LeBaron Taylor, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Sony Music Entertainment, Inc., has been elected chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., the sponsor of the annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week.

Elected by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) board of directors, Taylor has become the first "lay" or non-Congressional Black Caucus member to hold the position as CBCF chairman.

He succeeds Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL), who is retiring from the U.S. Congress when her current term expires in January, 1997.

Taylor has been a board member of the CBCF since 1976 and also served as chairman of the CBCF Corporate Advisory Council.

Rep. Donald Payne, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), said CBC members "have a lot of confidence in Mr. Taylor to provide the kind of leadership the Foundation needs at this time."

In assuming his new position as CBCF Chairman, Taylor said, "I have been fully committed to the important program goals of the Congressional Black Caucus. I am pleased, indeed, that members of the CBCF board of directors have such faith in my leadership. This is a challenging period for the Foundation but we have an outstanding board and, as a team, we



LeBaron Taylor

expect to move forward in meeting these challenges and achieving our program goals."

The CBCF is a non-partisan, non-profit public policy, research and educational institute. Since its inception in 1976, the CBCF has raised funds for public policy and legislative research, a graduate fellows program, annual issue forums, a resource center and reference library as a comprehensive source of statistical, demographic and political information on America's African-American population.

Taylor indicated that the 1996 CBC Legislative Week is scheduled for September 11-15 at the Washington Convention Center.

accomplishes its goals in a practical and readily-implemented manner, and that it can serve as a model for other cities that also are being ravaged by both childhood lead poisoning and unemployment."

## Ordinance

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youngest citizens from achieving their fullest potential. Lead poisoning causes reduces intelligence, learning disabilities and behavior problems."

"This ordinance will empower the City to promote local employment of

properly trained people who most need the work," said Paul Sonn, Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who was the primary drafter of the ordinance.

"We believe this ordinance

## Republic of the Gambia to host Homecoming Festival

WASHINGTON, DC—The Republic of The Gambia is hosting the first international ROOTS Homecoming Festival to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the forced slavery of millions of Africans such as the late Alex Haley's forefather, Kunta Kinteh, the protagonist of the award-winning novel and television mini-series, *ROOTS*.

Organized by The Gambia's Ministry of Tourism and Culture and its National Council for Art and Culture, the festival will be held in Kunta Kinteh's ancestral village, Juffureh. This will take place from May 18 to May 25. Among those attending the festival will be some of the stars of the *ROOTS* television mini-series.

The Republic of The Gambia invites all African Americans to renew, rebuild and strengthen cultural ties by attending this *ROOTS* Homecoming Festival. The festival's activities will include a myriad of cultural performances, such as traditional dances, modern and traditional music, theater, sports events, including regatta, exhibitions and visits to historical

sites and monuments. There will be a symposium on topics as varied as religion, culture, politics, human rights, history, trade and investment. Guest lecturers will include both Gambians and Americans.

To facilitate travel to the festival from abroad, the Gambian Ministry of Interior will grant travel visas to festival participants on arrival at the newly renovated and modernized Banjul International Airport in The Gambia.

From the United States, The Embassy of The Gambia in Washington DC, is coordinating travel and accommodation details. Travel packages have been prepared for airfare from New York City to Banjul Airport and a two week hotel stay for under \$1,500. Air Afrique is the official airline.

For more detailed information on the programs of the festival and travel arrangements, please contact: The Embassy of The Gambia at 202-785-1399, Fax: 202-785-1430, or The Gambia's web page: <http://www.Gambia.com>

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## Opinion

## EDITORIAL

## It's spring, time to clean up

As the weather warms up and the sun begins to shine, the feeling of rebirth flows all over. And with rebirth is a sense of cleanliness that inspires (or social dictates) us to perform the seasonal ritual of spring cleaning.

After this winter's harsh snowstorms the sight of many places are in dire need of more than a quick dusting. Spring cleaning to most is a time to do maintenance work to the in and outside of our homes. But while we look to our homes to see what needs to be done, many of us overlook the state of our communities.

The parks and schools, business and streets have also had a rough time this winter, and though the need to clean and repair them may fall mostly on the city or the businesses, the day-to-day up-keep rests upon all of us.

Not littering is an automatic action for us to take to help keep our neighborhoods clean. But for bigger problems such as spray paint, empty lots with dumped items, and broken swings and slides we need to step in and find a way to offer help.

As we prepare to spring clean our homes, we each need to find at least one other place in need of clean that is not getting done and do it. Speak to business owner, city or school officials about what can be done. If each of us takes upon ourself to clean up one other place than home our neighborhoods and cities will look reborn.

by Connie Woodruff



Most people I know truly believe it's not nice to fool Mother Nature. This is especially true if their mothers are Bernice Sanders, a retired Newark businesswoman who has been a volunteer advocate for the rights of children and adults in the Essex County area for more than 25 years.

Now, sadly, former Newark attorney Vickie A. Donaldson knows firsthand there's more truth than fiction to the advice about fooling Mother Na-

ture to be a bad, even dangerous, foolhardy act.

Sanders learned recently that based on a complaint she filed on behalf of her 78-year-old friend, Verdie Plowden Williams against Donaldson, who had been hired to help Williams settle her brother's estate, Donaldson admitted to state officials she could not successfully defend herself against charges that the misappropriated clients' money.

Records of the circumstances under which Donaldson agreed to her dishonored are sealed because she consented to have her license to practice law permanently revoked.

State law in New Jersey regarding dishonored means a lawyer is never

permitted to practice again in the state. Under New Jersey court rules, lawyers found guilty of stealing or otherwise misusing clients' money are automatically disbarred.

Sanders said Donaldson resolved the matter of Williams' brother's estate, but failed to turn all the funds over leaving more than \$12,600 owed. It was at this point, according to Ms. Sanders, that the lawyers, "started giving us the runaround."

After months of trying to get her to do the right thing Sanders and her took Williams to lawyers who represent the elderly and who referred her to the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) in Trenton.

Vickie Donaldson is well known in

Essex legal circles. She was a staff attorney and community liaison with the Essex-Newark Legal Services, under former Supt. Eugene Campbell, was general counsel to the Newark Board of Education from 1984 to 1987; a municipal prosecutor for the City of Orange; deputy general counsel to the Essex County Board of Freeholders, and at various times in and out of private practice.

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We've learned more about Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown since he was killed while on a trade mission in Europe, than we ever knew.

And true from, the white power

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## If you didn't vote, don't complain

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent



If you looked at your local school district's proposed budgets last week and the requested amounts and/or increases didn't correlate with your expectations for academic progress and improvements, then you certainly should have taken the time to vote in the local school board elections. If you didn't take the time to vote on the proposed budgets and candidates, you shouldn't

be complaining about the "state" of education in your city or town. Those who live in districts with appointed Boards of Education aren't off the hook, they should have gone out to the budget hearings to voice their concerns, views and opinions.

Unfortunately, most people failed to participate in the school board elections, thereby, making it easier for school districts to continue getting by with either disappointing, poor, failing and inadequate results.

This lack of accountability fuels the destructive cycle and pattern of neglect and abandonment of our public

schools. The districts that have the most needs, usually register the least voter participation and interest. The hype and public relations cranked out by the local school districts about their "wonderful parental involvement and participation" should be viewed with skepticism and wary eyes if they can not generate interest among the parents and/or guardians of enrolled students.

While some districts were forced to make some cuts in their budgets in efforts to keep down the local tax levies increases or keep them at the same levels as the previous year. Those

making the final budget decisions are very often part of a particular "clique" or constituency that work to maintain the status quo. Decisions about which programs or jobs to cut or eliminate are very often not driven by analysis and facts, but by partisan needs and considerations.

Politics is what drives local school boards. They are generally comprised of individuals who are aligned with the various political factions and forums that are in operation throughout the various municipalities. Of course, everyone tries to rightfully proclaim

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## Time to Freeze the Freeman's Free Ride

by Askia Muhammad



It is beyond my ability to comprehend how the U.S. government can go back and do nothing, while watching the so-called Freeman near Koudup, Montana openly flaunt the law. I say, it's time to "freeze that free ride" being given to those racists, several of whom have been charged with defrauding banks of \$1.8 million and threatening a federal judge, and who are taking it easy, living on a foreclosed farm in the meantime.

How can the U.S. government think it has any credibility whatsoever when it says out of one side of its mouth that it will use military force if necessary to stop the sovereign nation of Libya (9,000 miles away) from building a water irrigation (or chemical) plant on its own territory, while it says nothing out of the other side, powerless watching a group of lawbreakers defy every level of civil authority, right here in this country?

I just don't get it. Is it that if you're White, and claim a "Christian Identity" then you can get away with murder in this country?

I'm old enough to vividly remember the bloody death that was inflicted on Black (and White) men, women, children, some armed, most unarmed, who stood up over the last 35 years for equal rights for all people in this country, not for some special inheritance for just one race like these so-called Freeman. For decades there were hundreds of nameless and faceless Blacks and a few Whites who were treated to "Mississippi just-out" throughout the South at the end of a lynch-mob's rope, or on the receiving end of a scalding bath of boiling tar, topped off with a decorative coat of feathers. Of course I'm thinking about the dozens and dozens of members of the Black Panther Party who were gunned down under the banner of law in the 1960s and 1970s. I'm also thinking about the Symbionese Liberation Army (the kidnappers of heirless Patty Hearst) who were incited in a Los Angeles police shootout in the 1970s. What's the difference between any of those lawbreakers and these Montana lawbreakers today?

And let's not forget the innocent 14 dead (including five children) in the Philadelphia fire-bombing of the back-to-nature group MOVE's house by police and fire authorities. While there are plans to commemorate the deaths of more than 80 Branch Davidians in their April 19, 1993 tragedy at Waco, Texas, let's not forget that the MOVE inferno (which destroyed an entire city block of more than 60 homes, costing more than \$40 million) happened on May 13, 1995.

Every time I watch those Freeman riding around that farm (which is no longer legally theirs) on horseback truly "at home on the range," I wonder what it happened to the vaunted "Death Force" in the US military command. Those hot-shots were bold enough to attempt to rescue more than 400 US

hostages from the sovereign nation of Iran in 1980.

The movie and television screens are full of brave and daring American commandos saving the innocent, saving the entire world from nuclear-armed (often Arab speaking) terrorists. You mean to tell me, that the world's only remaining "superpowers" can't take out a few cowboys on horses?

Why with all their laser-guided so-called "smartbombs" and elite,

highly trained units they should be able to push-over those characters—armed only with a racist theological agenda—without any casualties. Why some of the fictional super-heroes could do it without even any injuries.

What's taking you so long Uncle Sam? I'll bet if those zealots were Black, or if they were Islamic, we'd have watched the perpetrators paraded on TV in orange prison suits already. But these Freeman claim a

"pure Christian Identity," descended from Adam, descended from the original children of Israel through the Anglo-Saxons.

"In reading the Bible," Rodney Skurdal, one of the leaders of the Freeman hold up in Montana, wrote in a document filed in a Montana court in 1994 "one must realize that there are two seedlines" within Genesis. It is the col-

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## Affirmative action in grave jeopardy

Dear Editor:

Remember Congressional Bill HR-2128 "Equal Opportunity Act of 1995." The Senator Doc-Rep. Canady bill that proposes to eliminate all affirmative action programs when preferential treatment is given on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex for federal employment, contracts and programs and for other purposes?

Well it is up for vote this month and if passed, all state laws will also eventually fall. We must all immediately write to our federal representatives and Senators to oppose this bill. We must do this immediately as what the Senate expects to pass this bill. Every graduate of an Historically Black College must join this letter writing campaign. Now.

Hamilton V. Bowser,  
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## Who will ride the information superhighway?

by Betty J. Turcok

Today, powerful technology can connect a student to a library in another state—or country. It can help you find a job, research a medical condition or get the latest stock market reports.

But what if a child's parents or school can't afford a computer? What if you don't own a computer—or know how to use it? The information superhighway threatens to widen the gap between the "information rich" and "information poor" even as it revolutionizes how we live, learn, work and connect with one another.

The solution to public access exists in virtually every community. It's double and affordable—it's the library.

America's libraries have always been the great equalizer, helping people of all ages and backgrounds to find better lives, regardless of their ability to pay. Over the years, their services have expanded to include not just books, but magazines, videotapes, CDs, telephone reference and computers. And they provide something more, the professional assistance of a librarian. In the age of electronic information, this role is more critical than ever.

The theme for National Library Week, April 14-20, celebrates the changing role of today's libraries with the message "Libraries Change Lives. Call, visit, log on." More and more people are getting access to information they need for their jobs, their health, finances and just plain enjoyment on-line at their libraries. They are the lucky ones.

If Americans are to continue to enjoy the same open access to information that we do today, our communities, states and federal government must invest in libraries as centers for information in all forms—electronic as well as print. The new provision for discounted telecommunications rates

for libraries must be enforced. Congress must also act to ensure that any change in copyright policy protects fair use of electronic information by library users.

If all people—not just those who are rich enough or smart enough—are to be able to ride the information superhighway, it will take leadership from our elected representatives of all political persuasions. And it will require those who stand most to benefit—members of the public—to support, not just their local libraries, but all libraries in their efforts to ensure that all people have the information they need whether in print or on-line.

The 21st century is almost here. Americans can't wait for equity on the information superhighway. They need it now—at their libraries. Some well-known library users have gone on to be successful in their own rights. Their testimony speaks for itself.

Libraries are valuable beyond measure, for they at once keep, protect, and conserve all human thought, and they are actively about the business of sharing their bounty daily. I don't think I could live without them, and I doubt if I would care to.

—Maya Angelou, author

There are certain things without which life would be not impossible but assuredly more difficult. I like, for example, hot running water. If I could go back to childhood I would still like to sit in a tub of hot water and watch the ivory soap bob in and out while the bubbles float up and away. I like snowflakes, too. I always wanted to run away from home riding a white snowflake bucking in the wind off to see what is east of the sun and west of the moon. Of course, I couldn't do that because my mother said she'd miss me. So that left me with a sense of adventure and a library card for my tickler. I don't take hot water or bubbles for granted; I know there are too many people who can experience neither. I also cherish libraries. They house our dreams.

—Nikki Giovanni, poet

As a young girl the library was a sanctuary for me. First of all coming in from the sweltering heat of Tulsa days into the damp coolness of the public library was self-preserving as well as a nurturing thing to do. And the bookmobile sent me into swamps of anticipation not only reserved for the ice cream truck. What would I find and check out with my signature—a tremendous act of citizenship for a little person.

—Alfre Woodward, actress

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# YOUTHBEAT

## KidsKalendar

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

**MORRISTOWN**—Morrison-Beard School students will present "Pirates of Penzance" at 8 p.m. in Wilkie Hall. Performances will also be held thru April 20. For more info call 201-539-3032.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

**NEWARK**—Newark Health and Human Services presents "Punch and Judy" Poison Prevention Puppet Show for Preschoolers at the Felix Fuld Day Care Center. For more info call 201-733-3809.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**JERSEY CITY**—JCSJ will offer a review course for the SAT through its Saturday course from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For tuition info call 201-200-3089.

**WATCHUNG**—Watchung Arts Center and Male Someone Happy presents "The Lives and Tales of Dr. Suess," at 2 and 8 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**UNION**—The New Jersey Ballet will present its children's matinee performance at 2 p.m. at the Wilkins Theater at Kaan College. For more info call 201-736-5940.

**MONMOUTH**—Monmouth County Park System invites kids from 9 to 11 to "Saturday on the Farm" at historic Longstreet Farm, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

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## Scouts spend day learning city business

**EAST ORANGE**—It was all in a day's work as the smallest scouts joined the city's "bravest" and learned fire safety and firefighting techniques at Command Station House No. 2.

Scout Aaron Barnes, (foreground) from Pack 74 takes charge of the nozzle of the fire hose as the "nozzle man" while Scout firefighters Justin Blevins, of Pack 73 and Fred Ludd, (background) of Pack 8 assist. Looking on are mentors and instructors for the day, Firefighters Steve Butler and Larry Holder of Command Station House No. 2, and "Scout Mayor" Perry Williams, Jr., of Troop 8. Williams is holding the pipe pole, a device used by rescue workers and firefighter to open ceiling and ventilate rooms.



(l) Scout Mayor Perry Williams, Jr. listens closely, as Officer Harry Osterhoudt explains how the high tech police communications system helps the police assist people who call them for help.

Photos by Lloyd Holmes.

## Over 2 million to participate in National Youth Service Day '96

Washington, DC—For the eighth consecutive year, National Youth Service Day will bring together more than two million people from thousands of neighborhoods across America to participate in community service on April 23. The event is sponsored by Prudential, coordinated by Youth Service America (YSA) and features the participation of local mayors and national and local non-profits from across the country. Last year's event featured 2,000 young people in Washington, DC.

DC helping to clean up the Anacostia River and 1,000 young people in Minneapolis participating in building playground equipment, planting trees and flowers and painting and preserving local houses.

The national sponsorship of the Prudential Insurance Company of America will allow organizations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia to participate in National Youth Service Day. According to Roger Landrum, Executive Director of Youth

Service America, "There will be school and college service groups, conservation and service corps, and community groups from across the country participating."

After the success of building a neighborhood playground in Washington, D.C. last year, Youth Service America has added the building of neighborhood playgrounds in Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis and Philadelphia to

the annual public education campaign. The playgrounds will be constructed using the community-built approach defined as "an interactive process that involves the local community in the design, organization and creation of the community park." Business and community partners firmly believe in the values of volunteerism, empowerment and the energy of young people to improve the community.

## This Week in Black History

### APRIL 17

1758 - Frances Williams, the first African-American to graduate from a college in the Western Hemisphere, publishes a collection of Latin poems.

1818 - For unknown reasons, Daniel Coker is expelled for me AME Church.

1978 - Thomas W. Turner, founder of the Federation of Colored Catholics, civil rights pioneer and charter member of the NAACP, dies in Washington, DC at the age of 101.

1980 - Zimbabwe, formerly known as Rhodesia, gains independence.

### APRIL 18

1861 - Nicholas Biddle becomes the first African American in uniform to be wounded in the Civil War.

1864 - The First Kansas Colored Volunteers break through the Confederate lines at Poison Spring, AK.

1877 - The American Nicodemus Town Company is founded by six African-American settlers in northwest Kansas.

1983 - Alice Walker is awarded the Pulitzer prize for *The Color Purple*.

### APRIL 19

1775 - With the assistance of African-American soldiers, Minutemen defeat the British at Concord Ridge in the initial battle of the Revolutionary War.

1837 - Cheyney University is founded in Cheyney, PA.

1942 - Atlanta University's first exhibition of African-American art is held.

1971 - Walter Fauntroy takes office as the first elected Congressional representative from the District of Columbia since Reconstruction.

1975 - James B. Parsons becomes the first African-American chief judge of a federal court, the U.S. District Court in Chicago.

### APRIL 20

1909 - Jazz master of the vibraphone, Charles opens on Broadway.

Lionel Hampton is born in Louisville, KY.  
1926 - Teacher Harriet Elizabeth Byrd, first African-American legislator to Liberia is born in Cheyenne, WY.  
1951 - Singer Luther Vandross is born in New York City.

1969 - James Earl Jones wins a Tony for his portrayal of controversial heavy weight champion Jack Johnson in *The Great White Hope*.

### APRIL 21

1878 - The ship Azor leaves on its first trip carrying African Americans to Liberia.

1938 - The Harlem Salsic Theatre opens with Langston Hughes' play *Don't You Want to be Free?*, starring Robert Earl Jones, father to James Earl Jones.

1966 - Milton Olive, Jr. becomes the first African-American to win the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery during the Vietnam War.

1974 - By winning the Monsanto Open in Pensacola, FL, Lee Elder becomes the first African-American professional golfer to qualify for the Masters Tournament.

### APRIL 22

1336 - The first recorded slave revolt occurs in Somo, SC.

1882 - Author and educator Benjamin Bowles is born in Benedict, SC.

1922 - Jazz musician Charles Mingus is born in Nogales, AZ.

### APRIL 23

1856 - Granville T. Woods, who will become an inventor of steam boilers, furnaces, incubators an auto air brakes and holder of over 50 patents is born in Columbus, OH.

1913 - The National Urban League is incorporated in New York City.

1941 - New Yorkers are treated to a performance of *Café Society* at Carnegie Hall by a group of jazz artists.

1944 - The NAACP Youth Council and Committee for Unity in Motion Pictures selects its first Motion Picture Awards recipients.

1964 - James Baldwin's play *Blues for Mr. Charlie* opens on Broadway.



Alice Walker



Walter Fauntroy

## Reading incentive program aiming for 892,000

Wichita, KS—BOOK IT!, the nation's largest reading incentive program sponsored solely by Pizza Hut, began its annual enrollment period on April 18.

Now entering its 12th year, the BOOK IT! Program motivates children in grades kindergarten through six to read by rewarding them for their reading accomplishments. Teachers set the reading goals, and Pizza Hut rewards students for meeting these goals with free pizza, praise, a button with monthly recognition stickers, a BOOK IT! All-Star Reader Medalion and a classroom pizza party. The purpose of this five-month incentive program is to develop in children a lifelong love of reading.

All public, private and parochial elementary school principals receive personalized BOOK IT! enrollment materials, which makes it easy for participating schools to re-enroll and for new schools to enroll. All program materials are free. For enrollment information, call: 1-800-4-BOOK IT! (1-800-426-6548). Write: BOOK IT!, P.O. Box 2999, Wichita, KS 67201. Or e-mail: read@bookitprogram.com.



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## Religious Calendar

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

ASBURY PARK—The Men's Club of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church presents Mrs. Gloria Jones in a gospel concert at 5 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

NEWARK—"The Book of Revelation: Cracking the Code," at St. James AME Church Bible Institute beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 201-622-1344.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

NEWARK—"Don't De-lay Your Ministry," at St. James AME Church Bible Institute beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 201-622-1344.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

NEPTUNE—Solid Gold Productions presents "An Evening to Celebrate" featuring The RISS FM Gospel Choir and Youth United for Christ Mass Choir at Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m. Call 908-918-1195.

PLAINFIELD—The First Park Baptist Church and the Konia Circle of the Women's Society offers a prayer breakfast for women of Central New Jersey in Fellowship Hall on Women's Health Day from 8 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-756-5522.

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# HIV is knocking on our door—Are we listening?

By Dr. M. Keith Rawlings

AIDS has claimed approximately 300,000 lives in the U.S. While AIDS cases are steadily increasing in our country, the virus is exploding in communities of color. As an African American, I am extremely concerned about the disproportionate number of blacks with AIDS. Yet, as a physician, I am excited about the advancements that are providing me with new weapons to combat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Given the rising numbers of blacks with AIDS, these developments are critical to us, because they can significantly improve the lives of people in our communities.

The numbers of blacks infected with HIV are impossible to ignore. African Americans account for 12

percent of the total U.S. population, yet represent more than 32 percent of all AIDS cases. One in 33 black men aged 27 to 39 is HIV-infected. The number of women and children infected with HIV is growing as well, and blacks now account for over 50 percent of all AIDS cases among women and children. Given these numbers, we must ensure that people in our communities are educated about HIV, encouraged to be tested, and provided medical treatment to keep those infected healthier longer.

Often, feelings of denial, fear, and discrimination, combined with poverty and a lack of access to health care, keep people in our communities from being tested and from receiving critical medical treatment. Some people also wrongly believe that HIV infection

is untreatable. All of these factors have led to countless cases of blacks being diagnosed in hospital emergency rooms with an infection typical of the advanced stage of the disease, such as AIDS-related pneumonia (PCP). This late diagnosis is unfortunate and unacceptable.

Research shows that anti-HIV drugs and a healthy lifestyle can help the body actively fight the virus the moment it enters the body. Early diagnosis and intervention also enables an infected woman to significantly reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to her child during pregnancy. Our people deserve the chance to benefit from this knowledge and to receive the best possible treatment they can for this disease.

Recently, there has been more

good news for people with HIV. Researchers now believe that using combinations of drugs, rather than a single drug, provides a much better chance of delaying the progression of HIV over an extended period of time.

For instance, when the newly available anti-HIV drug 3TC is combined with AZT, there is often a boost in the body's number of CD4 cells—a key indicator of a person's immune health. The use of this combination of anti-retroviral drugs is an excellent example of the new treatment options available for persons infected with HIV.

Fortunately, as our understanding of HIV grows, health care professionals are better able to treat it. Blacks need to work closely with their physicians who can help them identify im-

portant community resources, such as educational, social and psychological services. Physicians should be thought of as partners in our health care.

Today, much can be done to avoid and to treat HIV. It is critical that anyone who doesn't know his or her HIV status be tested. Should the result of the HIV test be positive, treatment should be sought immediately. Further, we need to make sure that news about any promising new treatments reaches all those affected by HIV.

As HIV remains a life-threatening infection, those diagnosed with the disease can still enjoy full lives. Now, with our increased understanding of the disease, people with HIV can truly look forward to a future.

## Bradley gains bi-partisan support for 'Drive Through' bill

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) joined Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.) and Senator Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) today to support bi-partisan support for the "Newborns and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996." The three Senators announced that

they would reintroduce the bill that ensures that new mothers and infants will not be prematurely forced out of the hospital by insurance company rules.

The act would require insurers nationwide to allow new mothers and their infants to remain in the hospital for at least 48 hours after a normal vaginal delivery and 96 hours after a Cesarean section. The act does not mandate a 48-hour stay, but states the choice would be in the hands of the attending health care provider in consultation with the mother.

"Saving money in our health care system is important, but maternity stays are not the reason health care costs have skyrocketed. In a choice between a few bucks and a new life—the choice is clear," Senator Bradley said.

## Howard, Price and Noble to speak at Bloomfield College



Gil Noble



Dr. John Howard

BLOOMFIELD—Dr. John Howard, Jr., Superintendent of Schools for East Orange, will host the first in a series of video screenings and discussions addressing race and education on Thursday, April 18. On Friday, April 19, Dr. Clement Price, professor of history at The

State University, Rutgers-Newark, Gil Noble, producer and host of WABC-TV's weekly public affairs series "LIKE IT IS," will end the series with a question and answer period following the screening on Saturday, April 20.

The first two sessions will be from 7 to 10 p.m. and the last from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bloomfield College's Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre in Bloomfield. For more information on "Race and Education: A Series of Video Screenings and Discussions," call Kabu Okai-Davies, coordinator of the program, at 201-643-6877.

## A tribute to Ron Brown



NEW YORK—Positively Black will feature a special tribute to Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown on Saturday, April 20 on WNET Channel 13 at 1:30 p.m. Host Don Williams will speak to guests reflecting on Brown's life and career. Congressman Charles Rangel will be on hand to discuss Brown's national appeal and work. Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins will talk about Brown's impact on the tri-state area. Additional guests will include Dennis Rivera of Local 1199 and Harriet Mitchell, executive director of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, who worked closely with Ron Brown.

## Joshua Nelson to perform at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

PLAINFIELD—On Sunday, May 5, Joshua Nelson will entertain the masses at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. A native of East Orange, Nelson is a graduate of Arts High School in Newark where he received most of his musical studies. He is a self-taught pianist. He has appeared at a long list of prestigious events—most notable performances were at Avery Fisher Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Apollo Theater in New York, and as part of the JVC Jazz Festival.

For the past year and a half, he has served as the minister of music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Newark. For further information on the 6 p.m. performance call 908-756-2876, 754-7452 or 964-8646.

## Cancer response 800 number available

PARSIPPANY—The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has a toll free line available for assistance. The 1-800-ACS-2345 number offers cancer patients, their families and the general public up-to-date nationwide information on the causes, detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, as well as, on-line services, programs and events.

For assistance call the number from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Spanish-speaking personnel is available 24 hours a day.

## Gospel cruise to benefit AIDS patients and homeless

NEWARK—The waters on the Hudson River are expected to move to a different beat as a benefit musical extravaganza is being presented to raise funds to assist AIDS patients and the homeless. Featuring three of the premiere talents in gospel music, the benefit concert, billed as "Gospel Cruise '96," will take place Saturday, April 27, 1996 from 1:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on-board the brand new Spirit of New Jersey.

This concert event is being presented by the University Outreach Community Choir (UOCC). Composed mostly of employees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the Choir's mission is simple, but serious one—through their music ministry, raise funds on behalf of the AIDS patients at University Hospital, Newark, and the homeless homeless population.

UOCC is under the direction of Randy Jones, a veteran singer, songwriter and choral director well-known and respected in the gospel community. When asked to elaborate on the choir's music ministry and its

mission, Jones said, "As you know, the crippling effects of AIDS has destroyed countless lives, and with that hundreds more names added to the roll."

"Moreover, the social disease of homelessness has touched individuals and families like a raging plague, leaving them with little or no hope. Because so many turn their backs on those different than us, victims of AIDS and persons displaced by homelessness feel as if they are all alone in their struggle to make it one more day."

Concerned and wanting to make a difference, a few animated men and women of God came together, blending their voices in song, and uniting themselves in their commitment and determination to make a difference in just one life. As a result of that concern, UOCC was born," he continued. Jones added, "It always, in keeping with our mission, all funds raised from this event will be used to benefit the AIDS patients at University Hospital and the homeless ministry of Gospel Outreach Team, Inc."

## Volunteers Needed for Earth Day '96

NEWARK—The Greater Newark Conservancy, the Essex County Parks System and the Earth Day '96 Committee are looking for at least 50 volunteers to assist with activities for New Jersey's largest Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at Branch Brook Park in Newark.

Volunteers are needed to assist the Earth Day '96 Committee members with the event's set up, break down and general operations during the day, including serving as parking attendants, information booth attendants, and working with children's activities.

While there is a morning, afternoon and evening shift, volunteers are welcome to sign up for the entire day or any portion of it. Volunteers

may also assist with the habitat enhancement project or the park cleanup that day.

Held in cooperation with Essex County's famous Cherry Blossom Festival, Earth Day '96 is part of one of the largest festivals held in Essex County.

This is a family event that will feature games, pony rides, live entertainment, and a petting zoo for the kids, as well as exhibits and other environmental activities.

Individuals, as well as groups, are encouraged to participate. Interested parties should contact the Greater Newark Conservancy at 201-642-4646 to sign up or for more information.

## Morris County celebrates fair housing month

MORRIS—To celebrate "Fair Housing Month," as well as one-third of a century of service to persons in the Morris County area, the Morris County Fair Housing Council is holding a spring fling shindig on Sunday afternoon, April 21, at the Terrace Room of the Unitarian Fellowship, Normandy Heights Road, Morris Township.

The Morris County Fair Housing Council, born in 1963, was created to combat discrimination in housing. Initially the focus was on ending discrimination; it was hypocritical to

condemn racial segregation in the South when there was de facto racial segregation in the housing right in New Jersey. But before long the mission expanded to include other types of discrimination then prevalent in housing: against single women; in getting the federal assistance; against families with children etc.

After nearly one-third of a century, the Morris County Fair Housing Council, presently an all-volunteer organization, continues as a source of inspiration and hope for those seek-

ing fairness (and accurate information) concerning housing problems. There will be some entertainment befitting the one-third of a century mark. Also, there will be (non-alcoholic) liquid refreshment and desserts and other glorious morsels for your enjoyment.

Festivities start at 4 p.m., and will continue through 6:30 p.m. All members and friends of the Fair Housing Council are invited to participate; no charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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**FAIRFIELD—Disney University Professional Development Programs brings "The Disney Keys to Service Excellence" to the Radisson Hotel from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-655-4353.**

**WOODBRIDGE—Industrial/Commercial Real Estate Women, Inc. will host "Women of the 90s: Selling the Agenda 2000" from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. For more info call Marilyn Orr at 908-278-1144, or Marilyn Gonsch at 908-549-5600.**

**WASHINGTON, DC—The Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (MBELDEF) will hold its 2nd Annual Parren J. Mitchell Awards Gala/Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, on Capitol Hill. For more info call Linda Mercado Greene at 202-543-3900.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
NEW YORK—Latino Expo '96 featuring business, art, music, travel, food and more will take place at the Latino Expo Center. For info call 212-222-8300.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
JERSEY CITY—Free seminar Avoiding the Pitfalls of Mutual Fund Investment at JCSO. 10 to 11 a.m. For more info call 201-250-3089.

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**  
UPPER MONTCLAIR—"Promoting Equity Markets in Africa," a one day international conference, will be held at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-7697.

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## Sinbad and Halle Berry to co-host 1996 Essence Awards

New York—The 1996 Essence Awards, which will focus on African-American youth by honoring the exemplary women and men striving to uplift children and communities, will take place Friday, April 26, at 7:30 P.M. at The Theater at Madison Square Garden (formerly the Paramount Theater).

Fox Broadcasting will, for the third consecutive year, air the Essence Awards as a two-hour prime-time special in early June.

The 1996 Essence Awards honorees: Academy Award-winning actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg; singer-songwriter-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds; a high school student Ketrick Jordan, who, despite suffering crippling burns in a fire, has been able to turn tragedy into triumph, lead an active life and serve as a motivator for other burn survivors; 87-year-old Oseola



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds



Whoopi Goldberg



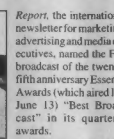
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McCarty, the woman who donated her life's savings of more than \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi; Carol and Hurt Porter, founders of Kid-Care, Inc., an organization that feeds poor children in Houston, Texas; and Congresswoman Maxine Waters, one of the greatest forces in American politics. The honorees will be featured in the May issue of Essence magazine, which will hit newsstands on April 18.

Confirmed presenters and performers for the 1996 Essence Awards include Toni Braxton, D'Angelo, Aretha Franklin, Danny Glover, James

Earl Jones, Patti LaBelle, Eric LaSalle, novelist Terry McMillan and musical artist Tony Rich. Sinbad and Halle Berry will be co-hosts of the show.

Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief of Essence magazine, said, "We are especially proud this year to focus on the needs and the triumphs of our youth and those who are giving their time and energy to work on ensuring the future for them."

Today's young people need our love and guidance now more than ever, and we as a nation must hold ourselves to a higher moral standard

and give them the support they need to thrive," continued Taylor.

The 1996 Essence Awards, in its ninth year, is a production of Essence Television Productions, and is sponsored by AT&T, Chrysler, Clorox, JCPenney, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods, the Pepsi-Cola Co., Revlon and Toyota.

The Essence Awards, which highlights the contributions of preeminent African Americans, was first held in 1987 and has become one of the country's most highly regarded awards shows. In 1995 The Delaney

Report, the international newsletter for marketing, advertising and media executives, named the Fox broadcast of the twenty-fifth anniversary Essence Awards (which aired last June 13) "Best Broadcast" in its quarterly awards.

The report called the show "entertaining, lively, and moving." The anniversary show has also been nominated for two 1996 NMP Image Awards: Outstanding Variety Series/Special; and Outstanding Performance (by Gerald and Eddie LeVeri) in a Variety Series/Special.

Tickets to the Essence Awards can be purchased at the Madison Square Garden box office or by calling TicketMaster in New Jersey, 201-507-8900; in Manhattan, 212-507-1710; on Long Island, 516-888-9000; or in Westchester, 914-454-3388. For more information, call 212-465-MSGI.

### Guests enjoy an "Evening of Good Taste"



EDISON—Freshwater's Baby-Back Ribs and Peach Cobbler were big hits at The ARC's "Evening of Good Taste," recent food and wine tasting hosted by Victorian Manor in Edison offered something for everyone. Food and drinks were the only attraction as guests tried their luck at a casino games seminar underwritten by Freeman Securities, Inc. with "Tumbling Dice" professional dealers from Atlantic City. All proceeds from the evening will directly support the programs of The ARC.

### LeGrande named artist of the month at MCH



MONTCLAIR—Visual artist Vichne LeGrande, was recently recognized by Montclair Community Hospital and will exhibit her works at the Hospital throughout April. Pictured is a piece of her work, "Old Haitian Woman," from her exhibit entitled "My Journey: Images of Haiti and Beyond." For more info call Barbara Martin at 201-744-2478 ext. 38.

### SWV to perform their new single "You're The One"

NEW YORK—Sultry singing trio, SWV will join New York City's Hot 97 radio personality Ed Lover, for a syndicated SIS Urban Entertainment World Premiere Special to be aired by participating urban radio stations April 18 through 23.

The hour-long broadcast, produced in conjunction with The Urban Network will debut "New Beginning" the hot new album by Sisters With Voices.

Upcoming specials from SIS Urban Entertainment include feature programs with Intro, to be aired by urban radio stations nationwide between May 13 and 19. The Braxton Sisters, to be aired between June 10 and 16, and



After 7, with an airing schedule yet to be determined.

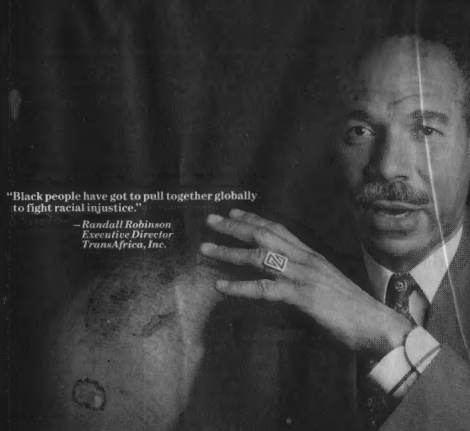
### Woodson Foundation presents "Families That Write Together"

NEWARK—The Carter G. Woodson Foundation's ninth annual OnStage In New Jersey performing arts series presents, "Families That Write Together," in collaboration with the Newark Public Library on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newark Public Library.

"Families That Write Together," is sponsored by the Quarterly Black Review of Books and is the second presentation in The Carter G. Woodson Family of Letters Literary Festival. Admission is free. Amiri, Amini and Raas Baraka and Valerie Weston Wiley will read from their plays, screenplays, poetry and novels, while sharing the passions and pitfalls of a writing family's household.

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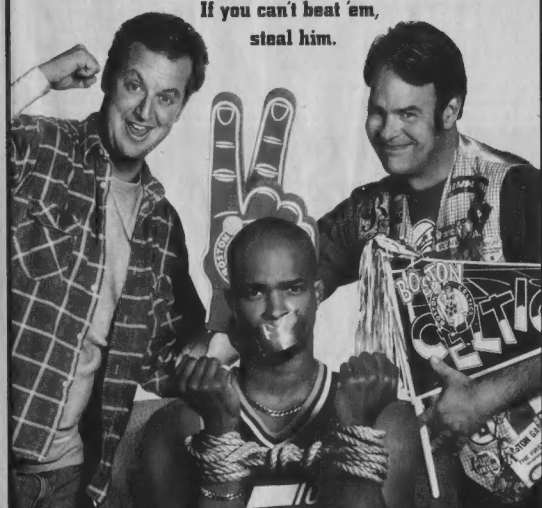
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## NMBC Mourns the Passing of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown

**NEW YORK**—The National Minority Business Council, Inc. (NMBC) joins with the friends, relatives, colleagues and the business community, in mourning the great loss of Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown.

Commerce Secretary Brown was unquestionably one of the greatest Commerce Secretaries the United States has ever had, and that he is an African-American was of particular significance to us at the NMBC.

His leadership in forging America's economic role in the forefront of the global marketplace, is exemplary; making trade and commerce as equally important in our country's global policy, as are the affairs of the State and Defense Departments. Indeed, it was on such a mission that America's economic,

defense and state policies as pivotal to our country's foreign policy, that Secretary Brown was on in the Balkans, when the plane on which he and other business leaders were traveling crashed.

"Most significant to us, is the encouragement and access afforded to minority and small businesses by his leadership into global markets," John F. Robinson, president and CEO of the NMBC said. Ronald H. Brown was undoubtedly a trailblazer as his life's accomplishments attest to. And we, respectfully, request of President Clinton, to appoint someone to the office of Commerce Secretary, with the same energy, passion, commitment, intellect and integrity, that Ron Brown demonstrated so brilliantly in that capacity.

## East Orange Affirmative Action guru keeps close watch

**EAST ORANGE**—Ted R. Green, affirmative action compliance officer in East Orange continues to keep a close watch on the affirmative action practices of area developers doing business with the city.

"Under the leadership of Mayor Cardell Cooper, a staunch advocate of affirmative action, we are working with developers to insure the use of qualified local labor on development construction projects," said Councilman Jimmy Small, also chairman of the Affirmative Action, a sub-committee under the Planning, Grants, Employment and Training Committee.

Green encourages developers to voluntarily comply but he is also responsible for enforcement of affirmative action policies. The city's current affirmative action policy mandates a 25 percent set-aside for subcontractors and 50 percent for minority participation on a project.

"The City of East Orange boasts a wealthy pool of qualified laborers, thus the issue for the nation, the state



East Orange Councilman Jimmy Small, who chairs the city's Affirmative Action sub-committee chats with laborers at an East Orange construction site. Pictured (l-r) Councilman Jimmy Small, Brian Jones, Darren Adams, Charles Miller and Affirmative Action compliance officer Ted R. Green.

and our city has never been one of quotas, but rather that of inclusion— inclusion of all people. As the Presi-

dent has pointed out, affirmative action has been good for America," Mayor Cooper said.

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Leavell said, "as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said 'the ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.' We must stand for children now."

## Insurance

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regardless of their ethnic background, economic status or geographic location."

Senator Rice's bill—which the first introduced last year and reintroduced for the new legislative session that began last month—requires insurers to provide the Department of Insurance information based on property and casualty insurance; residential properties and small businesses in cities such as Newark; private mortgage insurers; insurers making investments in commercial and residential property and insurers issuing performance and payment bonds.

The bill calls for the insurance commissioner to determine consumers' and small businesses' availability of insurance, affordability of insurance and adequacy of insurance coverage.

Senator Rice noted that the department has never undertaken such a study

based on census-tract data and the New Jersey Planning Commission's "Communities of Place" planning report that recommends five types of communities and eight urban areas—including Newark, Jersey City and Paterson—in which the state should collect insurance data.

"Insurance companies of today penalize not only urban residents, not only the poor, not only individuals of color, but also Shore residents who have trouble getting insurance for fear of hurricanes and floods," Senator Rice said. "Some companies might choose to redline senior citizens because they have trouble seeing over the steering wheel and leave their turn signals on for miles at a time. We hope to give everyone an equal shot at car and home insurance no matter where you live, no matter your age, ethnic background or socioeconomic status."

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1. Coordination of a county-wide approach to ensure fair housing for residents.
2. Establishment of an intake and screening procedure for discrimination complaints. Services will include assistance and counseling on procedures for filing a complaint, help in completing the complaint form, and review and verification process.
3. Provide general information and assistance on housing problems, and when necessary refer clients to other agencies that are funded and staffed to handle a specific housing problem, including referral to the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights.
4. Education, training and technical assistance to individuals, groups, agencies and/or organizations.
5. Acquire and coordinate assistance of New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for verification of discrimination practices and negotiating settlement for fair housing problems.

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Thursday, April 25

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast — 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Presentation  
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<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The Public Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The Board will meet in Executive Session from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Thereafter, the Board will hold a Workshop Session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public portion of the meeting will receive information pertaining to the following Workshop Session. The Regular Meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room, in the Administrative Office, located at 10002 Third Street, Asbury Park, New Jersey.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Law" that the public may be present at all Regular Meetings and shall have the opportunity to participate; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, that the Annual Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park shall be held during the second week of April, notice of the date, time, and place shall be delivered to the Asbury Park Press, the Asbury Park Press, at least seven (7) days prior to said meeting; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the above Annual Meeting are: (1) for annual organization or reorganization of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park; (2) to compile and disseminate a schedule of the Regular Meetings to be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park during the upcoming Fiscal Year; and (3) to conduct such business as may be deemed necessary for the annual organization and reorganization of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be posted on the bulletin board at the Asbury Park City Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey, and that a copy of this resolution be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Asbury Park Press, the Asbury Park Press, and that a copy of this resolution be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and any other notice required by law shall be mailed to any person who requests it and who has paid the fee of \$2.00.</p> <p>I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners at their Annual Reorganization Meeting held on the 15th day of April, 1996.</p> <p>CLAUDIA SWEENEY SECRETARY FEE: \$12.40</p>	<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD</b></p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL</b></p> <p><b>Request for Proposal No. 9009</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of Plainfield is seeking proposals from qualified companies that have experience in investigating and advising landowners on how they may deal with criminal and socially undesirable behavior and activities of tenants and providing services to deter and remove tenants of the property.</p> <p>As this is a Pilot Program, the goal of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to select a qualified company that has diverse experience in dealing with the criminal element that has an adverse effect on the Authority's ability to manage its property. The company is to have the required experience in developing and/or advising management personnel on effective strategies in dealing with problems.</p> <p>Interested firms/companies can obtain the "General Scope of Services" for this work from the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060.</p> <p>Proposals shall be submitted on or before May 10, 1996, 2 p.m.</p> <p>The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to accept any and all proposals, or to waive any informalities in the proposal.</p> <p>Proposals must conform to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127.</p> <p>Proposals shall be submitted to:</p> <p>Mr. Eric Executive Director Housing Authority of Plainfield 510 East Front Street Plainfield, New Jersey 07060</p> <p>No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 (ninety) calendar days subsequent to the date of receipt of the proposal without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.</p> <p>04/17/96 FEE: \$83.80</p>	<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD</b></p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL</b></p> <p><b>DEFENSIVE CIVIL LITIGATION</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park (APHA) is soliciting proposals from Attorneys and law firms experienced in Defensive Civil Litigation Law to represent it in connection with a lawsuit brought against it by a former employee.</p> <p>The APHA is a public agency organized and operating pursuant to the New Jersey State Development and Housing Law (N.J.A.C. 17A:27 et seq.). The APHA also has a contractual relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development from which the APHA receives most of its funding.</p> <p>The APHA owns and operates 582 units of low-income housing located at 1241-1244 1st St. et seq. The APHA also has a contractual relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development from which the APHA receives most of its funding.</p> <p>The APHA is run by a seven-member Board of Commissioners. Authority for the day-to-day operation of the APHA is delegated to an Executive Director.</p> <p>The successful Attorney/firm will be responsible for the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in strategy sessions with the APHA and the APHA's law attorney.</li> <li>Negotiation with the plaintiff's Attorney in regard to pre-trial settlement.</li> <li>Representation of the APHA at trial.</li> <li>Communication with the APHA and its Attorney.</li> <li>Preparation and review of all legal documents, correspondence, filing with the Court, etc.</li> <li>Providing advice to the APHA until the matter is resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Further information about the substance and background of the lawsuit can be obtained by calling the APHA's Attorney, Mr. James McDonald at 308-775-4700.</p> <p>Should you or your firm be interested in this assignment, please contact with the APHA at the address above, attention: Claudia Sweeney, Executive Director, no later than May 1, 1996. Please provide the following in your proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your or the firm's resume showing the names, experience and educational backgrounds of the principals and partners.</li> <li>An identification of the staff who will be representing the APHA on this assignment and the experience and educational background of each.</li> </ol> <p>All required bids, certifications and other forms required to be submitted by bidders may be prepared on the proposal forms found in the bid form and the following amount:</p> <p>04/17/96 FEE: \$83.80</p>	<p><b>3. A minimum bid or the firm's experience in lawsuits of this nature. Client references should also be disclosed.</b></p> <p>If further information regarding this request for proposals is needed, please call the Executive Director, Claudia Sweeney, at the APHA at 908-774-9600 extension 944.</p> <p>CLAUDIA SWEENEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEE: \$127.40</p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</b></p> <p><b>GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals from attorneys or law firms to serve as the Authority's General Legal Counsel for the period commencing May 1, 1996, and terminating March 31, 1997. Attorneys submitting proposals to the RFP must be able to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from the NJ Board of Bar Examiners.</p> <p>Parties interested in submitting a proposal in response to the RFP, should contact the Executive Director's office at 908-774-9600, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be received by 10:00 a.m., April 26, 1996 in order to be considered.</p> <p>CLAUDIA SWEENEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEE: \$40.30</p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</b></p> <p><b>FEES ACCOUNTING SERVICES</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals for Fee Accounting for its Low Income Housing Program, Existing Housing Subsidies Program, Moderate Rehabilitation Program, and Modernization Program for the period of May 1, 1996 and terminating March 31, 1997.</p> <p>Parties interested in submitting proposals in response to the RFP should contact the Executive Director's office at 908-774-9600, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be received by 10:00 a.m., April 26, 1996 in order to be considered.</p> <p>CLAUDIA SWEENEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEE: \$83.80</p> <p><b>NOTICE TO BIDDERS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick to Design, Provide and install a Complete Copper Water Heating System in each of the Four (4) Buildings of the Comprehensive Grant Project at 703, PLYMOUTH (Bldg. #s, NJ-22-4), and the Hoffman Water Heating System (Bldg. #s, NJ-22-4), funded from the Comprehensive Grant Project # 703, PLYMOUTH.</p> <p>Bids to be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick at 11700 1st Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in its office located at 11700 1st Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on April 17, 1996, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, until April 24, 1996 and will immediately by opened and read aloud.</p> <p>The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file at the business day, at the Housing Authority's office located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Copies thereof may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$ 50.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks shall be made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick.</p> <p><b>A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 18, 1996, AT 11:00 A.M. PRELIMINARY TIME IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF BUILDING #1, 71 NELSON STREET, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.</b></p> <p>All required bids, certifications and other forms required to be submitted by bidders may be prepared on the proposal forms found in the bid form and the following amount:</p> <p>04/17/96 FEE: \$83.80</p>	<p><b>Amount of Bid up to \$ 200,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 200,000.00 to \$ 400,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 400,000.00 to \$ 600,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 600,000.00 to \$ 800,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 800,000.00 to \$ 1,000,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 1,000,000.00 to \$ 1,200,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 1,200,000.00 to \$ 1,400,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 1,400,000.00 to \$ 1,600,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 1,600,000.00 to \$ 1,800,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 1,800,000.00 to \$ 2,000,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 2,000,000.00 to \$ 2,200,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 2,200,000.00 to \$ 2,400,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 2,400,000.00 to \$ 2,600,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 2,600,000.00 to \$ 2,800,000.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 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## Pepsi scholarship program awards \$55,000 to Newark college-bound students

NEWARK—City high school students with college plans are awarded \$55,000 in scholarship monies by the Pepsi-Cola Company in the firm's ongoing commitment to the city and its residents.

For the second year in a row, the recipients of the Pepsi-Cola Renaissance Scholarship Program will be the

Ready Foundation; the Portuguese-American Scholarship Program; the Mgr. Linder Scholarship Fund of the New Community Corporation; the Newark Housing Authority Scholarship Fund; the Simmons Scholarship; the Seton Hall Pre-Med, Pre-Dental Scholarship; and New Jersey Institute of Technology's Newark Scholars

Program.

The goal of this innovative financial assistance program, which also includes a computer software program listing additional financial aid sources, is to improve the quality of tomorrow's work force by encouraging students to stay in school, graduate and move on to post-secondary

educational pursuits," said Bill Glenn, market unit manager for Pepsi's New Jersey operations.

"Pepsi-Cola has teamed up with these fine programs because we all realize that urban area students are at a disadvantage when it comes to financial opportunities, and thus incentives, to continue their education beyond the high school

level," he continued.

Pepsi raises the monies for the scholarship program by donating a portion of every Pepsi sale in Newark to this fund. All stores and restaurants which carry Pepsi products in Newark (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Caffeine Free Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Slice, Lipton Original, All Sport and Ocean

Spray) are participating in the program.

We at Pepsi-Cola have long embraced the philosophy that an investment in the future of the city, the state and the nation as a whole. The Renaissance Scholarship program is indicative of this commitment," Glenn concluded.

## As I See It

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structure is heaping all kinds of praises on the man they demanded be investigated for some of his questionable investments.

Black folks have known for years how brilliant Ron Brown was because we knew him as a child of contemporary America who learned the art of making the system work for him and his African American constituents while making sure certain white leaders were in the mix.

Brown was born in Washington, D.C., the son of two Howard University graduates. He was black, but he was also a privileged black. That made him different in many ways.

When the family moved to Harlem where his father managed the Old Hotel Theresa at 125th St. and 7th Ave., Ron

became a "Sugar Hill kid," who developed his street smarts.

Since the Hotel Theresa of his youth was the premier hostelry for black folks, especially entertainers and politicians visiting the Harlem of the 1950s he was exposed to the good, the bad and the ugly in black and white.

He always believed the salvation for minorities was education and political involvement and followed the path of both.

With family friends like the late Whitney Young of the National Urban League, Washington attorney Vernon Jordan, Congressman Charles Rangel, Basil Patterson and David Dinkins it is any wonder his skills as a political strategist helped elect a U.S. President when Bill Clinton came to him for help

as the first black chairman of the Democratic National Committee?

Ron's Appointment as Secretary of Commerce gave him the kind of foundation suited to his flamboyant lifestyle. He wanted to become a power in international politics and diplomacy and viewed the whole world as his stage.

In many ways he became the symbol of ultimate Washington power broker politics.

There's no doubt about it. Ron Brown knew how to play the game of politics and enjoyed every ounce of what real power means.

He's had invaded the inner sanctum of the "good ole boys" but never forgot his roots. It is a lesson to be learned by those he mentored and advised.

empty promises made and an escalation in the despair and hopelessness far too prevalent among our young people.

## Don't complain

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that they are "for the children" but, the needs of the children generally get kicked to the sidelines. This sorry state of affairs goes by unchecked for the most part, because of an apathetic, uninformed and unmotivated electorate.

When the state report cards for individual districts were released last December, state Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz said that the results indicated that, "... We do have a way to go with education in the state.... What that says to me is that we can't continue to do things the way we've done them. We have to change. We have to have." The report cards highlighted the huge gap between the performance of students enrolled in wealthy and affluent districts and those in the poorer districts. In New Jersey's so-called 30 special needs districts, 60 percent of the students who took the HSPT test for the first time failed to

pass all three sections of the exam. The SAT scores were significantly lower and the percentage of students achieving minimum proficiency on the eighth grade Early Warning Test lagged far behind.

There were many statements made by educators and officials when the state report cards were published that tried to explain, rationalize and justify their districts' results. "Spin control," was in full operation, and officials counted on these results being forgotten about when this year's school board elections came around. They correctly calculated and counted on the short attention span and focus of the general public at large. It's a shame that we can be counted on to do so little to fight for our children and their right to a quality education. The failure to keep these issues on the front burner, will undoubtedly lead to more

## Work in progress

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under the guidance of professional artists Indira Bailey and Alonzo Adams. The theme of the mural will be "Plainsfield—the Queen City."

The entire \$2.8 million Netherwood Station project is funded through a combination of the State Transporta-

tion Trust Fund, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Plainsfield and other sources. NJ Transit's portion of the work is expected to be completed in 1997.

## Free ride

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ored people and the Jews who are descendants of Cain... when We move into a new land We are to kill the inhabitants of all the other races...nor are We to allow other races to rule over us."

It seems to me that the Southern sympathy of re-deciding the outcome of the Civil War has moved north, and gained a wide new following, a following which the US government doesn't want to try to stamp out.

## National News

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suffering from a lack of compatible organs for donation. "The best 'match' for blacks is organs from blacks," says Dr. James L. Phillips of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, "but in 1993 in Houston, for example, only 10 percent of organ donations came from blacks even though 26 percent of people on organ waiting lists were blacks." Blacks made up 12 percent of the U.S. population but account for 34 percent of all kidney-failure patients. Currently, more than 45,000 people across the country are waiting for life-saving transplants. April 21-27 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. Call 1-800-355-SHARE for more information.

### REAL AUNT JEMIMA HONORED BY HOMETOWN

According to the Philadelphia Tribune, Rosie Lee Moore smiled at America for 17 years, but few Americans knew her name. Now, 30 years after her death her hometown of Hearne, Tex., is producing a brochure to honor the woman most new only as Aunt Jemima. The Hearne native represented the Quaker Oats Co. as Aunt Jemima from 1950 until she died in 1987. She spent her adult life in Oklahoma City. Her picture stayed on the products for about 10 years after her death. The Hearne Chamber of Commerce reports it is a developing a brochure to explain Ms. Moore's history and a map to her gravesite.

### NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR: THE SPEECH

When the National Newspaper

Publishers Association (NPPA) honored Minister Louis Farrakhan as its "1995 Newsmaker of the Year," he spoke about how the U.S. government has treated African-American leaders who've tried to reach out to other nations in the 20th century and criticized the government and media for misrepresenting the nature of his trips abroad. The two-hour video tape is available from the NPPA Publications, 3200 13th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20010 for \$36.

### BLACK PRESS TO HOLD 1996 CONVENTION IN HOUSTON

Hardy Brown, National Newspaper Publishers Association first vice president, has announced that the group has selected Houston, Texas and the Double Tree Hotel at Post Oak as sites for the NPPA's 1996 Annual Convention. The convention will run from Wednesday, June 19 to Sunday, June 23, 1996. Call NPPA's National Office at (202) 588-6784 for more information.

### WINNIE RAN UP UNAUTHORIZED BILLS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Nelson Mandela's former wife, Winnie, spent \$60,000 without permission in 1994 to travel with private bodyguards while she was a deputy minister. In their divorce proceedings President Mandela said her monthly expenses amounted to about \$27,000, far in excess of her earnings as a member of parliament of \$4,000 a month.

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Don't miss the City News 100 Nominees' list in next week's paper. You may be among those nominated!

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## THE STATE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HAIR: keeping abreast of trends while maintaining healthy hair

By: Marie Winchester

**T**he latest trends in Black Hair mirror the wide range of moods that cut across the African-American hair care landscape. On the one hand, Black women are waging a valiant battle against age as magnified in the proliferation of coloring products that are marketed as youth enhancers and weapons in the fight against aging.

On the other hand, the consciousness-driven movement that spawned the Milton Man March, has also seen women exhibit their pride by wearing braids and other natural styles.

William Bennett, Jr., owner of Frog's Hair Salon in St. Petersburg, Florida, and an internationally-known hair designer and educator, agrees that color and natural hair care dominate the Black hair care realm. However, he says that he has witnessed a disturbing trend in that more clients are coming to him with excessively damaged hair. That's because the use of color on chemically-treated hair requires special care and attention. Failure to take care of the after color has been administered, can result in "hair horror stories."

### PRODUCTS FOR TODAY'S TRENDS Hair Coloring



Courtesy of L'Oréal (Excellence Creme)

Clairol has six brands of hair color products that recognize "the needs of African-American women and men for natural-looking hair color shades that are complementary to a wider variety of complexions." The products, which have been extended to its African-American Shades Collection include: Nice 'n Easy - a permanent hair coloring product available in Natural Honeycomb (light blonde), Natural Mahogany (dark auburn), Natural Moroccan Brown (light golden brown) and Natural Ebony (black). This product is trumpeted as one meant for "women who want to go darker, go lighter, cover their gray or match their own shade." Miss Clairol - This classic shampoo-in permanent hair color product provides brilliant color results and maximum gray coverage. Natural Instincts - Clairol's newest hair coloring line boasts a blend of aloe, chamomile and ginseng that deliv-

er long lasting semi permanent color and in just ten minutes while adding superior conditioning. Glints - Glints is a no-commitment color enhancer that gives color a little "kick" and lasts for six to eight shampoos. Colors in the African-American Shades Collection are Ruby, which accents hair with a reddish tone, and Espresso, which brings back and deepens hair to a rich chocolate brown. Loving Care Mousse - This semi-permanent hair color covers gray without changing natural color or turns gray into highlights. Darkest Brown and Natural Black are available in the African-American Shades Collection: Men's Choice - Men represent a rising number of salon clients-testimony to their grooming sensitivity. For men who want to cover their gray and retain natural-looking hair color that won't fade or redden, Men's Choice is the hair color solution.



Courtesy of L'Oréal (Excellence Creme)

L'Oréal's Excellence Creme is a creme hair color designed for use at-home that provides superior gray coverage as well as exceptional conditioning benefits. Excellence Creme also protects the strength of even the most delicate hair during and after the color process. It imparts healthy, bouncy locks with rich, lasting color. It is available in 32 shades that cross the color spectrum of blacks, browns, auburns and blondes. L'Oréal's Exuberance 7 Day Color Foam is the first semi-permanent color that gives women maximum control and shine in 12 exuberant shades. Ideal for young, first-time users or fickle color chameleons who aren't concerned about gray coverage, Exuberance offers personalized freedom by putting color intensity control in the customer's hand with easy-to-follow instructions. L'Oréal's Highlighting Duo is a process that delivers two vibrant color highlights that accentuate natural hair color, giving depth and dimension. It comes in six shades: L'Oréal's Preference Fade Resistant Formula is a product that delivers a magnificent, rich and luminous color that resists fading. That's because the product contains two new patented color molecules that provide better adherence, long-lasting and resistance to fading, even through repeated shampooing.

Soft Sheen's Optimum Care Moisture Rich Conditioning Permanent Color is another hair color alternative. This

new easy-to-apply hair coloring kit not only has an array of colors, but contains ingredients and elements that address the unique hair color desires and hair care needs of African-American women. The colors are truer and the formulation takes in consideration the fact that many African-American women have permed or relaxed hair and need color products that will achieve the color without damaging the hair. The panorama of colors as available include: jet black, black, warm brown, ash brown, chestnut auburn, cinnamon spice, fire auburn, bronze, dark blonde, and light blonde.

Those with color in their hair must pay particular attention to the health of their hair. Bennett advises keeping hair trimmed all the time, using an intensive moisturizer and keeping hair well conditioned with a product that is catatonically charged and formulated to address the deleterious effects color has on the hair.

### RETURN TO THE MOTHERLAND

Sculptures, braids, weaves, locks, afros, corkscrews, textured hair, twists, the natural, and their Afrocentric variations, have established a new standard of beauty. Once considered a fashion "no-no," braids are now a permanent part of the hair fashion landscape.



Courtesy of African Pride

Soft Sheen's "Roots of Nature" was specifically formulated for the natural style and the need by stylists to apply products to the hair and scalp that are nature-derived. Roots of Nature fits this profile because it is a new line of natural hair care products created through the process of Botani Therapy. Based on ancient art of natural healing, herbology and aromatherapy, Botani Therapy extracts and distills the life forces of select, therapeutic botanicals. Once these powerful essences are isolated, they are blended precisely and synergistically to provide dramatic results.

Roots of Nature is available at outlets nationwide that specialize in natural hair artistry. For more information on Roots of Nature, contact 800-621-6143.

By: Regina Jingles

**G**oing natural." It's a phrase that used to conjure up images of big "Angela Davis" afros, in her earlier days, dark sunglasses, and a militant attitude. Someone who has "bucked" the system. There people usually earned the name "Sister or Brother Defiant One."

Yet, going natural, as I eventually found out, is more than just changing one's hairstyle. After all, that's merely a metaphor. Wearing an afro versus wearing a perm or relaxer does not make a person any more "conscious" than the next. One's deeds will always win out over one's style of dress.

For me, going natural was a "natural" progression (no pun intended.) After all, as a Black woman, it was exciting to have so many options to wear one's hair. Relaxed, weaved, permed, braided, locked, colored, or even bald! I practically tried all of them except one: A natural afro.

The year of that big decision was 1985 and on the cover of Essence magazine was a dark-chocolate colored woman sporting a regal, creatively cut afro. I remember being transfixed by her image. It was daring. It was beautiful. It was me. I just had to "have" that hairstyle. After years of straightening, perming, jerry-curling, and braiding my hair, I felt that "enough was enough." No more trauma. No more stress. Just cut it all off and start fresh - go natural!

I contacted the hair salon who was responsible for the elegantly-coiffed woman on the cover and made an appointment. A week later, I was sitting in the salon, studying the styles available in their photo album. It was amazing just how many ways there were to wear an afro. A brief consultation, I advised the barber of my choice. He smiled and nodded his head approvingly.

"How low do you want to take it?" my barber asked. "As low as you can go without showing skin." I replied, my stomach now tying itself into knots. Placing the protective smock around me, I tried not to flinch as I watched my shoulder length hair being cut off. It felt to the ground as silently as snowflakes.

Suddenly, I began to wonder had I done the right thing? Was I crazy? After all, it had taken months of wearing braids for my hair to get to that length. Now I was sitting here telling my barber to just "chop it all off." Would my job be "understanding" about my new hairstyle? Would I still be able to attract the brothers even though so many of them seemed to prefer the sisters "with the straightened hair?"

After 45 minutes of snipping and shaping, my barber was finished. I remember watching the other people in the salon who were busy looking at my style and smiling. I tried not to steal a peek at the mirror though I was anxious to see "the new me." Handing me a small yellow mirror, my barber stepped back to quietly watch my reaction.

I looked at the ravenous brown face staring back at me before my eyes drifted towards my new hairstyle. My barber had certainly been efficient with his cutters. My afro was short with the top cut into an asymmetrical slant towards the right hand side. The sides were tapered with the back forming into a sharp "V" pattern. It was slick. It was well cut. It was the "natural" me. After what must have seemed like an eternity, I finally smiled back looking up at my barber. "Perfect!" I said to him, getting out of the chair. I was now ready to face the world with my "natural" do.

My friends were encouraging, though none were quite brave enough to go "that far," preferring the "burns" of their relaxers over any "fro."

Wearing a natural hairstyle meant not flinching or cursing whenever I heard the "snap, crackle and pop" my hair made when I ran my comb through it. Being natural meant not being shocked when my hair failed to respond to various hair mixtures I used to moisturize it. Being natural meant not being seduced by images that said only women who wore "relaxed" heads were pretty. Being natural meant not being put off when brothers sometimes walked past me to get to the sisters with the "silky smooth styles." And finally, it meant not being intimidated because I didn't exactly measure up to the European style images of beauty.

In time, I've also learned that going natural meant a variety of things. "Going natural" is an evolutionary process that should also mean changing one's lifestyle from one of the western materialism to a back-to-basics philosophy. Going natural meant considering other methods of earning money versus being "stressed-out" trying to make it in Corporate America. Going natural meant appreciating the taste of natural foods instead of those high-priced, over-processed foods that do nothing for the body. Going natural also meant being willing to use natural methods of healing versus using drugs and medications that often had harmful side-effects. In essence, going natural is all of these things and more. A hairstyle is just the beginning of the process.

It is now 1996. Eleven years later from the time when I first made the decision to wear an afro, the hot new trend now is "locks." I'm now happy to see that there has been a significant increase in sisters and brothers wanting to embrace the natural way of looking. No longer is that person deemed as an "oddball" if he or she wishes to wear an afro braids or locks.

There are now images of folks from supermodel Roshumba to singer Me'Shell Ngeocelle sporting natural hairstyles. Actors such as Phylicia Rashad and director, Bill Duke maintain a vegetarian lifestyle. There are organizations such as The Black Women's Health Project and The Heal Thyself Center that encourages folks to adopt a healthier way of living. In short, there are more and more people, publications and policies being devoted to the subject of "going natural" despite the various forms that may take. Have no doubt, "going natural" is here to stay.

As I sit back, greasing and twisting each strand of my husband's shoulder-length "locks" I allow my fingers to trace its unique texture, quietly marveling its resilience. He looks up at me and smiles as if reading my thoughts. I smile back and continue twisting. As one who is learning more about the "natural lifestyle," I am happy and pleased about these trends. Yet whatever trend appears to be "hot" at the moment, "going natural" means embracing all of my sisters and brothers, no matter "what" hairstyle or lifestyle they may have adopted at the moment. Evolution takes time. After all, it's what's on the inside that counts and not the superficiality of looks.

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# SKIN CARE

## for African-Americans

By: Marie Winchester

In this obsessed-with-looks society, there is an incredible premium placed on appearance. Embodying that premium is the quality and texture of one's skin. More than any other quality, skin tone represents a defining dynamic for African-American women. Its quality speaks volumes: Complexion can radiate vitality or betray age. It is a truth serum regarding a frame of mind or a quality of the diet.

Esthetician Irma Denison, president and founder of Irma Denison Skin Care Center and Day Spa in New York City, is an expert on African-American skin and its nuances and dynamics. This Paris, France-educated specialist has analyzed and prescribed solutions for various types of skins and skin conditions for 17 years.

According to Ms. Denison, most African-Americans' skin suffer from deep dehydration. The skin tends to be only on the outside, but dry on the inside. In this condition, the natural moisture is trapped inside because of a lack of water and the use of too many oily products. At times the skin feels sensitive, has flaky patches, itching and the complexion is ashy.

Another skin care choice revolves around the new technology of Alpha Hydroxy Acid products. The skin care industry has witnessed a quantum leap due to the discovery of the Alpha Hydroxy Acid family of products. This has opened up a whole new and dramatic world of skin care improvement options.

Of this family of Alpha Hydroxy Acids, Ms. Denison recommends that African-Americans select products containing (AHA) glycolic acid, a non-toxic natural substance that is derived from sugar cane and fruit acids.

"Products that contain glycolic acid are very good for dry and oily skin. Glycolic acid sloughs off the dead surface skin cells that impede moisturization and clogged pores, which is the major cause of break outs," Ms. Denison explains. She adds that glycolic acid is also very effective in treating different grades of acne and it helps smooth out the fine lines, giving the face a younger, fresher look.

Crucial to the improvement of skin is cleansing. "Cleansing is one of the most vital elements of total skin care," stresses Ms. Denison. "When meticulously and constantly performed, you get very good results. A deep cleansing allows the removal of impurities, any residue of make-up can rid the skin of excess oiliness. Most important, proper cleansing, which should be done twice daily, enhances the skin's ability to breathe."

For overall skin maintenance, she recommends that African-Americans use products made from vegetable and botanical extracts such as chamomile and sage, almond, aloe, azuleine. These products are gentle, anti-inflammatory and have a soothing effect on the skin.



Irma Denison

Ms. Denison has treated a variety of skin problems and offers a program on how to treat each condition.

**PROBLEM - Hyperpigmentation** - caused by squeezing blemishes which results in dark spots, this condition is unique to Black skin. Other causes include sun damage, birth control pills, pregnancy and drugs.

**SOLUTION** - Consult a dermatologist for a prescription or consult an esthetician. Ms. Denison recommends for her clients an array of products with glycolic acid, hydroquinone or kojic acid. These product combos are very effective in lightening hyperpigmentation (discoloration). Repeated use will minimize skin discoloration and age spots and the overall appearance. With continued use, the skin will be softer, smoother and more uniform in color than ever before.

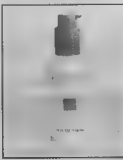
**PROBLEM - Facial Hairs** - Caused by shaving and plucking which results in ingrown hairs, razor bumps and dark spots.

**SOLUTION** - Ms. Denison advises those with this condition to have the hair waxed by an esthetician since this procedure tends to lift the hair from the follicles of the pores. She advises using a highly effective product by the name of Tend Skin, which was developed by Dr. Steven Rosen and is available for purchase from her center. This product should be used twice daily for several days, on legs, bikini lines, under-

arms and in other areas that are prone to hair growth and razor bumps. It is a product that both men and women can use.

**PROBLEM - Acne** -

**SOLUTION** - Use products that contain benzoyl peroxide, a water-based formula. They help to reduce irritation and excessive dryness while penetrating the pores and releasing oxygen. Application of these products also attack the bacteria, which produces acne. Those allergic to benzoyl peroxide can substitute sulphur, which also has a very therapeutic effect on the skin. To address this condition, she suggests deep cleansing and exfoliation (removal of dead skin cells) depending upon the skin type. Mern Dee, a Chicago-based television personality whose ability to survive in this appearance-driven business,



a face sponge, this mini-cleansing/facial can rid the skin of deeply embedded oils and make-up. 3) Follow with a light, non-alcoholic, non-fragrant astringent. Those on a budget can use Witch Hazel, which contains non-irritating alcohol.

Nubia Skin Care Inc. is touted as "The Ultimate Black Skin Care Experience!" is All That Miracle Revitalizing formula from Nubia - this product contains the important glycolic acid that esthetician Irma Denison recommends. All That Miracle Revitalizing formula from Nubia Skin Care Inc. has been shown to produce excellent results on skin with fine lines, wrinkles, blemishes, discolorations, and dry, flaky conditions by accelerating the skin's natural ability to renew itself. It contains herbal extracts and humectants that "leave your skin feeling as soft and supple as skin that's years younger."

One of Nubia's newest skin care product offerings is the All That Oatmeal Buffing Creme, which promises to fluff away dead cells and keep the skin clean and fresh. A thoroughly natural modern version of the age-old facial mask, All That Oatmeal Buffing Creme helps draw out impurities while it soothes the skin. Mildly abrasive almonds purify the texture, and Allantoin helps heal the skin.

While there are a wide array of skin care products available, Ms. Dee says that the ultimate key to beauty revolves around a woman's self-perception. And, she says, women should not view aging as a sentence, but rather as a source of pride. "Wrinkles are a badge of honor," she declares. "Once a woman takes care of her skin and the skin wrinkles, as it will in time, she should focus inwardly feeling good about herself, still caring for herself, her skin and her looks."

Irma Denison can be reached at Irma Denison Skin Care Center and Day Spa 155 E. 55th Street, Suite 4D, New York, NY 10022, 212-371-3413; For Nubia Skin Care products call 800-77-NUBIA.



# The Spa Choice

By: Melody M. McDowell

Glogannis Paramedical International Aesthetique Institute/Spa in West Bloomfield, Michigan, whose owner is Gloria Gaines Hanna. Ms. Gaines-Hanna's Greek-themed, African-American-inspired spa has won acclaim because she brings a medical and a beauty background to the operation.

Additionally, the professionally-trained staff administers therapeutic facials and is the only facility in the U.S. capable of removing big bumps on the face through electrology. Whether it's the face, the feet, or clinical cosmetologists can make dry skin supple like a baby's bottom, she declares.

Into every life, a little stress will fall. Ways to combat life's pressures are as varied as the circumstances that create the conditions.

One of the most popular stress busters falls under the "Pamper Yourself" category. And, one of the most popular outlets for decompressing is a spa.

Whether it's an over-the-counter product that has tranquilizing effects, or a full-fledged treatment at a chi chi day spa, the net effect of a spa treatment can help combat the pernicious effects of stress. Enthusiasts boast that there is nothing more luxuriant or fulfilling as a spa treatment.

Indeed, the offerings of a spa run the health and beauty gamut. With therapy being the major service distinction, spa treatments can address skin disorders, body pain, scar corrections and hair problems including hair growth and hair replacement. Services also include pedicures, make-up application, manicures and body therapy. More comprehensive spas offer electro-therapy, lymph therapy, electrolysis therapy and pain therapy.

The Mary Kay Private Spa Collection beckons you to leave the grueling 9 to 5 deadlines, meetings, and conference calls. The Private Spa is a "unique collection of fragrant cleansing gels, candles, lotions, and oils" designed to help you "indulge, unwind and recharge" while escaping the everyday "hustle and bustle."

The "Spa" products in the BeautiControl portfolio include: Lip Peel, a two-step therapy the Line Peel to help minimize the appearance of lines around the lips and Lip Balm to improve hydration, Renewing Scrub/Masque, revolutionary Micro-Scrubbing Beads polish away dry skin without leaving skin tight or dry. Or, use as a masque to help replenish skin with needed moisture.

One of the most trumpeted spas in the country is the



Gloria Gaines-Hanna, owner of Glogannis Paramedical International Aesthetique Institute/Spa treats a client.

Ms. Gaines-Hanna says the Glogannis Spa brings another dimension to the Spa experience because it is not only a "feel good" institute, but it also serves as a "bridge between the medical and the beauty world."

At the Glogannis Paramedical International Aesthetique Institute/Spa, specialists include cosmetologists who provide the more standard fare like manicures, pedicures and facials. However, they complement their pedicure offerings with a special Chinese pedicure similar to a massage treatment that is applied to the feet and virtually "guarantees" beautiful feet at the completion of this procedure.

While Ms. Gaines-Hanna speaks with pride about the wide range of offerings, she is particularly proud that the Spa is one of the few of its kind that caters to the needs and demands of cancer patients. "We have African American women cancer patients seeking treatment for keloids and other scars that are the ugly reminders of cancer treatments," she says.

To remove these body marks, the Spa turns to a process called Body Airbrushing. In this procedure, the specialist takes an Airbrush to the keloid skin or takes permanent make-up needles and applies new skin into the keloid area and covers that area.

Ms. Gaines-Hanna says her Spa attracts a majority white clientele, but the cancer treatments and the wide array of services are now luring more African-American customers into its doors.

Prices range from \$15 for a manicure to \$20 for the Jacuzzi, \$30 and up for holistic aromatherapy, \$40 for the Chinese pedicure, \$60 for a facial, \$70 for its permanent weight loss program, \$150 for wrinkle therapy, \$750 and up for permanent make-up and \$2,000 for a hair piece.

Ultimately, more and more people are turning to the "spa solution" for a two-pronged reason: They like the exhilarating effects treatments have on their bodies and women and men cite the therapeutic effects that this pampering has on their self-esteem. And, if the "Spa experience" can rehabilitate psyches so customers can be infused with the type of mental energy to combat stress, then it is understandable why spas have seen dramatic growth and witnessed unparalleled success.

Glogannis Paramedical International Aesthetique Institute/Spa is located at 7421 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, Michigan, 810-626-3054; For a spa nearest you, call Spa Finders 212 924-6800.

# The luxurious experience of bath oils and gels

By: Melody M. McDowell

If Spas represent the "Mother of Feel Good Experiences," then gels are certainly their offspring

According to beauty consultant Betty Odom, owner of Betty O's Day Spa in Chicago, gels are the perfect alternative to soap because unlike soaps, gels do not have a drying-out effect on the skin

She instructs her clients to apply gels to their cloths like it is soap. The gel-effect opens the pores so that the oil can be absorbed into the skin to combat the body's tendency to become dry. After showering, she instructs clients to rinse with cool water and to retain the moisturizing effect of the gel, towel off and re-apply oil to the skin. Then, add a moisturizing lotion to the body

Betty Odom cautions against bathing and showering in hot water and advises warm or even cool water for daily regimen

Ms Odom, whose Chicago-based full-service spa includes body polishing, facials, pedicures, manicures, herbal wraps, mud wraps, and much more, says that gels are ideal for the body, as opposed to the face. "Unlike the face, which tends to be oily, the body tends to become

more ashy. Gels and body oils are thus, great items for combating the skin dehydration that often afflicts the body."

A number of companies have items that satisfy the body's craving for the type of moisture that only gels and oils provide.

Under its "Herbal Serenity" brand, BeautiControl has a Body Gel that cleans and conditions skin with a rich foaming gel. Its body oil brings a soothing and moisturizing dimension to dry skin. Under its Microderm Prevention brand, BeautiControl has an Oxygenating Firming Gel that serves multi dimensional purposes: It supplies oxygen and moisture so the skin stays supple and firm. Marine proteins in the product claim to aid cell turnover and promote firmness and resilience.

Ponds offer a Revitalizing Eye Gel that is ideal for minimizing dark circles and reducing under eye puffiness because it is formulated with Vitamin E.

Avon Naturals moisturizing bath treats include the Foam Bath with Apple & Clover Blossom, with Passion Fruit & Pineapple and with Jasmine & Orange Flower. These

nature-based bath delights represent the ultimate "feel good experience" and should be included in any "Pamper Yourself" regime

The Body Shop has a line of nature derived product specifically for "bath and body" that are under the "Ananya" brand. Included is the Ananya Bath Oil, which helps moisture the skin and combat dryness. Ananya Bath Oil Beads is unique because this bright, translucent bath bead contains macadamia nut and grapeseed oils that are specifically formulated to moisturize the skin. Again, borrowing from nature's Marshmallow root, Ananya Bath & Shower Gel cleanses the skin with a light fragrant gel.

La Costa Spa's panthenol-enriched Shower and Bath Gel is ideal for deep cleansing and moisturizing. And, within its Body Botanicals collection is a Spa Sponge Set that enhances the lathering effect in the bath experience.

Ultimately, gels and body oils represent another "weapon" in the anti-aging artillery and are ideal complements in a total beauty maintenance plan

Betty O's Day Spa is located at 5200 S. Harper in Chicago, 800-262-6104. ■

# SKIN FACTS!

**N**ORMAL SKIN is healthy, balanced skin, in which all physiological processes-most notably, the secretion of oils, the circulation of the blood, and the sloughing of old cells- happen in perfect equilibrium. Normal skin has an even color with no blackheads or other blemishes, a minimum of lines, and wrinkles, albeit a few tiny ones around the eyes and pores that are uniform in size and barely visible. It is the rarest, and most desired, of all skin types.

**OLY SKIN** is caused by over secretion of the oil glands, situated in the underlayers of the skin. This skin type is not necessarily bad since it is less prone to wrinkling and other signs of aging than other skin types. This is the result of the oil helping to keep precious moisture locked in the epidermis, or outermost layer of the skin. The negative aspect of this skin type is that only complexions are especially susceptible to clogged pores, blackheads, and the build up of dead skin cells on the surface of the skin. **DRY SKIN** is the opposite of oily skin and occurs when

the oil glands are not producing sufficient oil to satisfactorily lubricate the skin. Dry skin is thin and often flaky, with pores that are almost invisible. Many fine lines are likely to form, even when the skin is relatively young, and there is a tendency for dry skin to be more easily irritated.

**COMBINATION SKIN** is by far, the most common skin type, observable in approximately 80% of all cases. As the name implies it is a mosaic of dry, oily and normal areas. In most instances, a person with combination skin has dryness around the cheeks, eyes and neck, while oiliness is found in the T-zone, the area extending from chin to nose and upward across the forehead. Combination skin requires more effort than other skin types because each area has its own special needs.

**PROBLEM SKIN** is excessively oily, prone to eruptions of pimples, blackheads, and similar disturbances. This includes acne, which is not necessarily due to adolescents —

cence. This type of skin requires special products and a more intensive regimen.

**ALL SKIN TYPES** have one thing in common — they all require on-going care using specialized products in order for each to feel and look their best! ■

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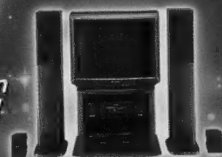
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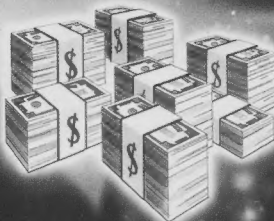


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WEEK 3

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